ed by Fire.
in the McMahon & in the 1500 block on 9 o'clock last night, gating several hun- hemical was used in re which broke out Cause unknown. stock is $2500.

he Church.
ome boys in the east a disturbance at All he Young Ladies' and the boys threw e and made them- oying. The police boys escaped. The d and if the disturb- nischief makers will

rival.
evangelist, who has ful meetings at the church, Spring ave- ices there again to- t this week. All are hear this successful rned the title of the During the confer- ve been converted in subject tonight is "I

the Schools.
ceremonies were in New York in honor pecial exercises of a were held in Decatur. rest school Dr. Bum- arrett addressed the Marietta street school talk on Grant's bat- school took part in

k Meetings.
he board of directors held a meeting last gements for the meet- which James Bur- his city. They will afternoon at 4 o'clock meeting for railroad vening and each fol- two weeks meetings he railroad men and ers interested in the d to attend.

e Friday.
will close next Fri- move into the new must be returned to Friday. If they are he month when the holder will be fined s soon as the library book shelves will be repairs. The shelves e put in place in the books will then be e at least a month to arters.

Mills Wedding.
wedding last night ghful lodge of Good by about fifty friends. Miss Myrtle Mills, Mrs. B. F. Mills and engineer in the em- apolis, Decatur and mpany. The attend- lls and Hattie Kelley re Rose Ruckle, Jen- Gannon and J. W. le entered the hall ohn wedding march W. F. Gillmore, pas- urch, spoke the cere- ome bride wore a be- hite, brightened with carried bride's roses. were Superintendent es of the I., D. & W. fe will reside on East elegant wedding re- the hall and many sented the couple.

ning to Decatur.
s decided to remove e Decatur his home. welling of ten rooms t. He has sold his C. H. Bridges of Be- ock in the deal $9000 sidence. He did not in.
een engaged in busi- 1 years, nearly all of g a general store, en- rain and coal business and other enterpris- ncceeds Mr. Hopkins for Bridges & Co., ks the good will of round Elwin. He is chant and cannot fail pkins has long been sidents of Wheatland en prominent always n all matters of busi- ously the interests of which he lived. We s and his family to occupy the property on street, built a few A Wood.

nfest of North Amer- on at St. Louis the kets at one fare for r 5, 6 to 8. In addi- st there are a great ns at St. Louis, viz: heatres and parks. traveling public we sell excursion tickets for the round trip, leaving Decatur at m., of Saturday, May 5 a. m. of Sunday, only be good return- 9. For particulars

MARKET REPORT.

By B. Z. TAYLOR.

Wheat opened higher this morning, dropped, came up, and then broke. The trade was good and the market was an active one. Consols were up, and this had a depressing effect; they sold at 112¼ for money and account. Liverpool was firm and higher at the start, and London was dull, and reported that the French crop reports were worse and the Russian reports better. Berlin reported wheat at ¼ mark decline. Lazard Freres will ship $1,000,000 gold tomorrow, and Barring, Magowan & Co., have ordered $500,000 in gold for their account, making $1,500,000 which will probably go out tomorrow. The board's compilation of the world's shipments for the past week were 3,823,000. against 2,733,000 the corresponding week last year. Bradstreet's report on the world's available showed a decrease of 2,569,000 bushels in wheat, against a decrease of 2,948,000 last week. One Liverpool cable—a private to Milmine Bodman—reported July wheat as being ¾d lower. The total clearances today, including yesterday's clearances for New York, and making two days for that point, were 223,200 bushels of wheat and 5594 barrels of flour, the two together equalling 348,000 bushels of wheat. Out of the thirteen cars of wheat received in Chicago this morning, twelve were of contract grade, the total receipts being just the same as a year ago. Minneapolis got 144 cars of wheat today and 63 cars rolled into Duluth, making a total of 207, against 208 (Minneapolis 121, Duluth 87) a week ago, and 307 (Minneapolis 191, Duluth 116) a year ago, just 100 cars more than today.

Corn opened a little higher and was steady about the opening all day, with fair trade, and not inactive market. There were no features. The total clearances were 237,350 bushels today. Out of the 74 cars received in Chicago this morning, but 31 graded.

Oats opened higher. Trade fair; market not inactive, but featureless; price steady; range a little narrow; 5 cars graded.

Provisions opened lower. Trade small and market rather inactive, featureless, and a little narrow; not much doing.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
April	—	—	—	71
May	72⅛	73	70⅞	71
July	72	72⅛	69⅞	70⅞
Corn—				
April	—	—	—	24¼
May	24	24½	23⅞	24⅛
July	25⅝	25⅞	25⅛	25⅛
September	26¼	26⅜	25½	25⅝
Oats—				
April	—	—	—	17
May	17⅛	17⅛	16⅞	17⅛
July	18	18⅛	17⅞	18⅛
Pork—				
April	—	—	—	—
May	8.37½	8.40	8.37½	8.37½
Lard—				
April	—	—	—	—
May	4.07½	4.07½	4.05	4.05
Ribs—				
April	—	—	—	—
May	4.60	4.60	4.57½	4.57½

July wheat: puts, 68¾c; calls, 72⅛c; curb, 70⅛c.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—13. Estimated, 8. Year ago, 13.
Corn—74; Estimated, 80; a year ago, 194
Oats—147; Estimated, 140; a year ago, 162.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 4; Corn, 107; oats, 173.
Hog receipts 30,000; estimated, 27,000.
Market weak and 5c lower.
Light, $3.85@$4.07; Mixed, $3.85@$4.05; Heavy $3.85@$4.02; Rough $3.60@$3.70.
Estimated for to-morrow, 30,000.
Cattle receipts, 18,500. Market 10c lower.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, April 28.—Corn, steady, No. 2, white, 24c; oats, quiet, No. 2, white, 20@21¼c; Rye quiet, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Wheat, July, 76⅛c; Corn, July, 30⅜c; oats, July, 22⅛c.
NEW YORK, April 28.—Butter, steady, 13@17c; Eggs, steady, 9@10c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, April 28.—Wheat, cash, 91c July, 76c; Corn, cash 21⅞; July, 23⅛; Oats, cash, 20c; July, 19⅞.

Illinois Central Excursion to St. Louis.

On account of the Turnfest North American Gymnastic Union to be held in St. Louis May 6 to 11, the I. C. R. R. will sell round trip tickets to St. Louis for $3.55 for round trip. Tickets sold May 5, 6 and 8, good returning May 9, 10 and 11, and on Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9 will sell tickets at $1.50 for the round trip. These tickets good going on Daylight Special on Saturday afternoon and Diamond Special Sunday morning, good returning only on Diamond Special of Sunday night. For tickets or information call at city office, 121 East William street, or Union depot.—may 8

A New Lot,

Of Ladies' strap slippers and Oxfords comprising French Bronze, Black Satin and black kid, $1.50 and $2.75 is the actual value.

We have almost all sizes and offer them at 50c, 75c and $1. Call early if you want your size at Powers' Shoe Store. On sale Thursday at 9 o'clock.

Tomorrow is the last day to bid on Riley & Mann's properties. The North College street property now stands at $1675 and the Walnut Grove property at $999.

Wanted.

Nurse girl, from 14 to 16 years old. Apply at Annex Maxwell boarding house at once.

Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—9-dwk1f

Big Bargains.

An assortment of tapestry Brussels carpets may be had this week at Bradley Bros., at 44c per yard.—24d-1w

The Circus.

The Main circus will come to town tomorrow and exhibit at the race track.

The Daily Republican.

VOL. XXV. NO. 23. DECATUR, ILLINOIS, THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1897. 10 CENTS PER WEEK

CALHOUN SELECTED.

The President Decides to Send the Danville Man to Cuba in the Place of Judge Day.

RUSE OF FREE COINAGE MEN.

Lew Wallace on the Greeco-Turkish War — Nebraska's Ex-State Treasurer a Defaulter—An Illinois Bank Assigns.

Washington, D. C., April 29.—W. J. Calhoun, of Danville, Ill., is the man whom President McKinley has decided to send as a special commissioner to Cuba to carry out the mission for which Judge Day, of Canton, Ohio, was originally selected. The impression has prevailed here for several days that George E. Baldwin, of Canton, a personal friend of the president, and a man in whom he has much confidence, would be asked to undertake the delicate task. The impression was entirely erroneous. The first tender of the position since Judge Day was provided for elsewhere is that which was made to Mr Calhoun. The tender was made last Saturday. Mr. Calhoun was summoned to Washington by the president, and on Saturday they took a drive together. While they were out the president told Mr. Calhoun that he would be pleased if the Illinoisan would go to Cuba as the special commissioner of the administration to investigate the legal status of the cases against the Americans who are now in Spanish prisons.

The offer was a complete surprise to Mr Calhoun, but he at once informed the president that if he could serve the administration in that capacity he would be glad to do so, provided he could so arrange his private business as to permit of a protracted absence. Before he left for home the understanding between him and the president was that he would accept. He is now in Danville arranging his affairs, and as soon as he puts them in such shape as will admit of his leaving, he will return to Washington, obtain his instructions from the state department and start for Cuba.

Ruse of Free Coinage Men.

Washington, April 29.—Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, is the spokesman of some of the silver men of the house who are extremely anxious that their colleagues in the senate shall introduce and pass a free coinage bill, send it over to the house, and let Mr. Reed smother it. Representative Richardson thinks the silver men ought to go upon record with a measure.

"If good times do not come," said he, "we can say that we offered the country a remedy. If good times do come, no harm has been done."

It is not likely that this suggestion will be carried into effect. The introduction of such a bill in the senate, and an attempt to pass it, would precipitate a financial debate, to which the senators are averse. The silver men have a majority in the senate to pass the bill, but they have not the power to force the measure to a speedy vote; and, besides, they do not relish the idea of taking the responsibility of throwing any obstacle in the way of the enactment of the tariff bill.

LEW WALLACE ON THE WAR.

Says the Greeco Turkish Conflict is at an End.

Indianapolis, April 29.—General Lew Wallace, who is probably more familiar with the affairs of the Ottoman Empire and the Balkan states than any other American, talked freely of the war between Greece and Turkey at his home in Crawfordsville yesterday.

The end is near at hand" said he. "Even if the powers should not interfere, Turkey has already accomplished all she set out to do, and will not attempt to turn the war into one of conquest. The Sultan is, in my opinion, the ablest living diplomat. What more thorough demonstration of his ability could one ask than the fact that he has used and is still using the six great christian powers to his own purposes. He did not have to fire a shot in Crete. He made the christian powers defend his interests there. He understands thoroughly that the moment the present map of Europe is changed these christian powers will rush to arms, and that they desire to avoid this above all things. Therefore when his frontier was attacked by the Greeks he served notice in advance that while his troops must move instantly, it was for the purpose of defense to repel these invaders and teach them a lesson that he and his dominions must be let alone. This done, and done thoroughly, he will recall his troops. He understands perfectly that the powers would never consent to the conquest of Greece, and he will not attempt it.

"The Greeks are the Irish of the east. Mercurial, impulsive and rash, they are up today and down tomorrow, and their idol of today is shattered and dragged in the dust tomorrow. The ancient Greeks were the same way. They had a new hero every month or two, and lauded him to the skies, but at the first misfortune they ran him out of the country. The country is now ruled by a secret society, much more powerful than the throne. It was this society that started the irregulars into Turkish territory. The trouble in Crete arose from the desire of the Greeks to acquire Crete. They wanted Macedonia, and away down in the bottom of every Greek heart is a deep-seated desire to possess Constantinople. The Russian wants it, too, and one day he will get it.

"The Turk is a born soldier, and is reared with the ideas and training of a soldier. He is not a tradesman, a banker, nor a lawyer; he cares nothing about these things. He is taught that he is to be a soldier and looks forward to being killed or wounded in battle as the sure passport to the Moslem paradise, where eighty houris are to await his coming and be assigned to do his bidding. His religion teaches him that no matter what his record on earth has been, death or wounds in battle entitle him to this paradise. Do you think he is going to run away from danger? On the contrary, he courts it. That is what he is after. The English and French never gave the Turk credit for the part he played in the Crimean war. If there was an assaulting column to be made up, or an extra hazardous task to be undertaken, it usually fell to the lot of the Turkish contingent. If the western world is surprised at the bravery and military skill of tht Turk, it is because it does not know him."

JOSEPH BARTLEY UNDER ARREST

Ex-Treasurer of Nebraska Charged with Embezzlement of $201,000.

Lincoln, Neb., April 29.—Ex-State Treasurer Joseph Bartley was arrested yesterday by officials from Omaha charged with embezzling $201,000. Attorney Smyth swore to the complaint. He will be arraigned at Omaha. Bartley is already under bond to answered charges of embezzling $500,000 of state funds. In the information Bartley is charged with having converted to his own use the proceeds of a state warrant for $180,000, together with interest at the rate of 7 per cent from the time that it was issued, in 1895. This warrant was for the money appropriated by the 1895 legislature to reimburse the sinking fund of the state for a deficiency therein.

After the warrant was drawn the state treasurer turned it over to the Omaha national bank for the purpose of sale. This institution placed it with the Chemical national bank of New York city. The proceeds were transferred to Bartley, upon whose books, however, no account of the receipt of the money is said to have been found. The Chemical national bank returned the warrant to the Omaha national bank of this city for collection. To this call the state treasurer deposited state funds in the Omaha national bank until the sum of $201,000 was on deposit. This was the amount of the warrant, together with interest at the rate of 7 per cent. With this money the warrant was duly taken up and the accruing interest was paid.

It is alleged that there is no record on Bartley's books that he received the proceeds from the sale of the warrant. Moreover, when the warrant was collected by the New York bank through the local bank it was paid by check, to which Bartley signed his own name. The $201,000 was therfore on deposit in his name, although it is alleged to have been state money.

In connection with the case Bartley is accused of having allowed an illegal rate of interest on the warrant. According to the state law warrants cannot draw more than 5 per cent interest, but the Chemical national bank collected 7 per cent for the entire time it advanced the money on the warrant.

VAN ORDSTRAND ASSIGNS.

Failure at Heyworth, Ill., of an Old Established Concern—Estimated Assets.

Heyworth, Ill., April 29.—The private banking house of William Van Ordstrand & Co., of this place, was closed yesterday and the voluntary assignment of William Van Ordstrand was filed in Bloomington. The assets of the bank are estimated at $30,228, in addition to which there is an interest in the estate of the late Isaac Van Ordstrand, father of William Van Ordstrand, the value of which is not known. The liabilities are $22,845.15, of which the personal accounts and deposits amount to about $11,000, and $8500 is due the National state bank of Bloomington. Among the assets is 160 acres of land in Randolph township, McLean county, valued at $12,000. It is believed the depositors will be paid in full.

The company in the banking firm is Mrs. Isaac Van Ordstrand, now of Texas, widow of the late Hon. Isaac Van Ordstrand, a wealthy woman, owning large areas of Illinois land. Dr. C. M. Noble, of McLean, brother-in-law of William Van Ordstrand, has been named as assignee. The assignment is due to the general business depression and the illness of Van Ordstrand, who for some time has not been able to give personal attention to the bank. The bank was founded by Isaac Van Ordstrand, who, for thirty years and until his death five years ago, was the leading business man of this place, and was Democratic representative from this (McLean) county.

BANK FAILURE AT COPP'S HOME.

People of Loda Lose About $100,000—The Situation.

A telegram from Paxton states that it is estimated now that $100,000 in deposits will be lost by the Sheldon bank failure at Loda. All of the prominent business houses on the main street except West Brothers, general merchandise; Mrs. J. S. Morgan, drugs, and A. Miller, drugs, have assigned. Several residents of Loda since 1855 will lose all their property. Charles W. Long had $1800 on deposit, Frank Cook $2800 and Thomas Rundle $3000. George Delker had all his money on deposit with Sheldon. Moses Stroup, who recently sold his farm, had deposited his money in Sheldon's bank. Mr. Sheldon was executor and administrator for several estates, among others the Lapp estate, the estate of O. M. Sheldon and that of Lydia A. Sheldon. He sent all the school money, something over $3000 to the Paxton bank. It is reported that he had drawn $20,000 from one bank and $40,000 from another on his Greene county land, which some estimate to be worth 50 cents and others $30 per acre. Loda is the home of Uriah Copp, jr., worthy chief of the Grand lodge of Illinois Good Templars.

MINISTERS AT ATLANTA.

Second Day of the Institute was Very Successful.

Atlanta, April 29.—The second day of the ministerial institute was successful, there being three assemblies.

The morning services opened at 8:30 with a devotional service by C. A. Heckel of Lincoln. Addresses were made by J. H. Wright of Normal, J. P. McKnight of Peoria, J. E. Davis of Petersburg, and A. M. Atkinson of Wabash, Ind.

The afternoon session was opened with a prayer service led by L. T. Foulders of Harristown.

Addresses were made by C. B. Dabney, and W. H. Boles, of Eureka. G. B. Van Arsdall of Chicago not being present his paper on "The Preacher as a Teacher," was read by Rev. L. W. Morgan.

In the evening there was a song service by the Atlanta Y. P. S. C. E., and addresses were made by W. B. Taylor of Chicago, and R. E. Hieronymus of Eureka. There will be three sessions tomorrow and the meeting will close tomorrow evening. There are about seventy ministers in attendance and the meeting is proving a source of great enjoyment and instruction.

Confederate Monument Unveiled.

Dallas, Texas, April 29.—The Confederate monument erected by the Daughters of the Confederacy was unveiled this morning. Fifty feet high on the top stands the figure of a private soldier. At the base are four pedestals holding life size features of Jefferson Davis, Generals R. E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and Albert Sidney Johnson. Jeff Davis' statue was unveiled by his namesake and grandson, and others of the descendants of the persons honored. Orations in eulogy of each of the prominent figures in the confederacy were pronounced, the principal one being that on Davis by Hon. John R. Reagan, the only surviving member of the confederate cabinet. It was throughout an analysis and tribute to the qualities in the character of the confederate president. These are among the words of praise used: "To say he was an honest man, brave soldier, an able statesman and sincere patriot, and an earnest christian, does not give a full idea of his character. President Davis had the chivalrous courage of Richard Coeur Leon, and Roman constancy and love of liberty of a Cato. God bless his memory."

The members of the woman's foreign missionary society of the Elwin Methodist church are making arrangements for their annual strawberry festival.

No Election.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 29.—No result of today's ballot for United States senator.

BASE BALL.

National League.

Cincinnati 5, Cleveland 0.
Louisville 1, Pittsburg 2.
Baltimore 18, Brooklyn 6.
Philadelphia 5, Boston 6.
New York 17, Washington 3.
St. Louis 5, Chicago 6.

Western League.

Kansas City 11, Minneapolis 5.
Milwaukee 6, St. Paul 14.
Indianapolis 1, Detroit 13.
Columbus 7, Grand Rapids 5.

PEACE REPORTED.

An Athens Dispatch Says that Peace Has Been Declared Between Greene and Turkey.

REPORT OF MILITARY MOVEMENTS.

The King Asks for Premier Delyannis Resignation — The Opposition to Form a New Cabinet — Citizens Returning to Larissa.

Rome, April 29.—The Secolo, of Milan, publishes an Athens dispatch saying that peace has been concluded between Turkey and Greece.

Evacuation of Volo.

Volo, April 29.—This town is almost completely evacuated by the Greeks. The women and children have been taken away en masse by sea. The foreign consulates have hoisted their flags and British and Italian ironclads are anchored in the harbor.

People Returning to Larissa.

Athens, April 29.—Fighting between the Greeks and Turks at Valestino at the junction of the same road connecting this port with Larissa and Pharsales was only some serious skirmishes which resulted favorably to the Greeks. Velestino is about ten miles west of Volo. The telegraph operator at Larissa says order prevails and the women and children are returning to town.

Greeks Entrenched Near Janina.

London, April 29.—(Bulletin)—An Athens special says the Greeks have occupied the heights of Pentepigadia, north of Arta, and are about half way between that place and Janina and have entrenched themselves there.

Marked Advance at Zarkos.

Constantinople, April 29.—It is announced that the first division of the Turkish army at Elassona has entered Greek territory from the vicinity of Dambi and have captured Zarkos, an important Greek base of operations eighteen miles west of Larissa.

New Cabinet Being Formed.

Athens, April 29.—4 p. m.—The king summoned Premier Delyannis this morning and asked him to tender his resignation. Subsequently he entrusted the opposition leaders with the task of forming a new cabinet.

Denial of Rumors.

Constantinople, April 29.—An official statement issued in the name of the sublime porte formally contradicted rumors of atrocities by the Turks at Fillipiada and refers to the united testimony of correspondents as to dicipline, humane feeling, bravery and moderation of Ottoman troops. It also denies that the Albianian troops revolted. The Turkish victories have enormously raised the military spirits of the Turks, and will make the powers' scheme of reform for Turkish empire harder of realization in high quarters. It is declared that Turkey should be released from the obligations imposed in regard to Crete, that Greece should be compelled to pay heavy indemnity.

CAN'T GET A QUORUM.

The Greek National Assembly Called in Special Session So Far Has Not Produced a Quorum.

Athens, April 29.—The assembly which was convened in extraordinary session met a second time last evening and adjourned owing to the lack of a quorum, which was followed by cries of disapproval from the galleries. After the adjournment Premier Delyannis had a long conference with the king and the opposition deputies held a prolonged meeting, but adjourned without deciding on a program. The ministerialist declare the extra session impracticable now, and urge that it is useless to hope for a quorum today as many deputies are at the front with the army and cannot get here in time. On the other hand the opposition cite the names of supporters of the government who, although in Athens last evening, did not attend.

Delyannis said in an interview the reason there is no quorum is due to the absence of the opposition deputies. It is reported that 600 women and children perished in the terrible retreat from Tyrnavos to Larissa.

King George Withdraws His Exequators.

Berlin, April 29.—An Athens special says King George has signed a decree withdrawing the exequaters of all Turkish consuls in Crete.

Engagement Expected.

Athens, April 29.—A general engagement is expected tomorrow at Velestions where the Turks have just been defeated.

The Mennonites living in the vicinity of Arthur will build a church a mile and a half north of that town.

MARKET REPORT.

By B. Z. TAYLOR.

Wheat opened about ½c higher this morning, see-sawed for the most of the session and then jollied around the opening. Trade was good and the market fairly active. On the start consols were lower, which was partly responsible for the higher opening. Money and account consols were at 111⅞, a drop of ¼ from yesterday. London reported wheat cargoes off coast slow, and Liverpool reported wheat steady but ⅝d lower. Paris was unchanged to 15c higher, with French country markets steady. The "Price Current" was out with the following: "Past week more seasonable; still lacking needed forceful condition; 300,000,000 represents extent of present indications on winter wheat situation in northwest large uncertain, but not hopeless. A few day of forceful weather urgently needed to avert threatened discouragement."

The weather map showed heavy frost at Dodge City, Kansas, last night. The chief cause for the rally from the bottom was the California drouth. The news, well authenticated, from Rome and Paris, that the Gracco-Turkish war is ended, caused a little flurry of excitement. Paris wired the basis for peace probably was: "The evacuation of Crete by Greece, the evacuation of Greece by Turkey, and a proclamation of autonomy for Crete under guarantee of the powers." Four ports cleared 51,083 bushels of wheat and 5436 barrels of flour, equalling together 74,000 bushels of wheat. Of the 4 cars of wheat received in Chicago this morning, 2 graded. Minneapolis got 289 and Duluth 108 cars of wheat today, a total of 390, against 307 (Minneapolis 220, Duluth 87) a week ago, and 390 (M. 135, D. 157) a year ago.

Corn opened about where it left off. Trade fair market active, but comparatively featureless; 39 cars graded out of 180 received. Four ports cleared 760,031 bushels of corn. Range was rather limited, and was caused mostly by sympathy with wheat.

Oats opened about where they closed. Trade good; market active. Price varied through sympathy; 15 cars graded out of 168.

Provisions opened a little lower. Trade small; market not active; no features; little doing; range narrow; price firm to strong.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
April	—	—	—	70¾
May	71⅛	71⅞	69⅞	70⅛
July	70½	71⅛	69½	70⅜
Corn—				
April	—	—	—	23⅞
May	24⅛	24⅜	23⅞	23⅞
July	25⅛	25⅜	25¼	25¼
September	27	27	26½	26½
Oats—				
April	—	—	—	16¾
May	17⅛	17⅛	16⅝	16¾
July	18½	18⅝	17¾	17⅞
Pork—				
April	—	—	—	—
May	8.32½	8.45	8.32½	8.45
Lard—				
April	—	—	—	—
May	4.05	4.07½	4.05	4.10
Ribs—				
April	—	—	—	—
May	4.57½	4.62½	4.57½	4.62½

July wheat: puts, 69c; calls, 72c; curb, 69c.

TO-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—4. Estimated, 4. Year ago, 16.
Corn—130; Estimated, 107; a year ago, 314
Oats—163; Estimated, 173, a year ago, 218.

ESTIMATES FOR TO-MORROW.

Wheat, 4; Corn, 200; oats, 240.
Hog receipts 31,000; estimated, 30,000.
Market weak and 5c to 10c lower.
Light, $3.85@$4.00; Mixed, $3.80@$3.97
Heavy $3.80@$4.05; Rough $3.55@$3.65.
Estimated for to-morrow, 24,000.
Cattle receipts, 10,500. Market slow.

PEORIA QUOTATIONS.

PEORIA, April 29.—Corn, active, No. 2, white, 23¾c; oats, quiet, No. 2, white, 20@21½c; Rye quiet, nominal.

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, April 29.—Wheat, July, 76⅛c; Corn, July, 30¼c; oats, July, 22⅜c.
NEW YORK, April 29.—Butter, steady, 13@17c; Eggs, quiet, 9¼@10c.

ST. LOUIS MARKET.

ST. LOUIS, April 29.—Wheat, cash, 95c; July, 76c; Corn, cash 21⅞; July, 23⅛; Oats, cash, 19½c; July, 19.

PITH AND POINT.

—The Box Party.—"How very quiet that charming Miss Pinkerton is!" "Yes, she's saving herself until the curtain goes up."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—"I play poker with the old man and make love to his daughter." "Is it a winning game?" "Well, I expect soon to hold a hand that will beat his."—Life.

—Lady Shopper—"I want to get something suitable for a boy of ten years." Salesman—"Slipper counter down the second aisle, turn to your right."—Boston Transcript.

—Apprehension.—The Professor—"As a matter of fact, there are different dialects in different parts of Scotland." Friend—"Great Scott! Are there more counties to hear from?"—Truth.

—The Delsarte Habit.—"We hear music over at your house all the time, Jenkins." "Yes; our cook has been taking lessons in physical culture, and she won't wash a dish without somebody playing on the piano."—Chicago Record.

—"Now," said one of the members of a woman's organization, "the secretary is going to read the minutes of the last meeting." "Yes," responded Miss Cayenne; "she calls them minutes. But they always seem like hours."—Washington Star.

DEATH AT GUTHRIE.

Daylight Reveals the Bodies of Many Victims of the Unexpected Flood.

THE WATERS ARE STILL HIGH.

The Work of Recue Begun This Morning—Sufferings of a Night Leaves Many Unable to Help Themselves.

Guthrie, Okla., April 29.—Daylight in the Cottonwood Valley found dozens of people still clinging to trees and overturned houses or timbers in positions which they sustained all during the weary night. Many places known to have been occupied before dark are empty this morning. The only conclusion is that the luckless victims had fallen into the water and were drowned. For miles along the scene is one of devastation and 2000 people are homeless, ill with exposure and hunger, and passed a miserable night. The morning found them too weak in many cases to offer much assistance either to themselves or to others. During the night the water receded rapidly and the work of rescue was more easy this morning. Workmen were engaged all night in constructing rafts and boats for use today in rescuing the unfortunates. Before sunrise parties started out from different points and began the transporting of people from their perilous positions to the land. The water is not so high nor swift as yesterday and the rescuers made rapid progress.

During the night organized relief was pushed as rapidly as possible and renewed efforts were put forth this morning. No more reliable estimate of dead or property damage than given last night could be compiled this morning.

Hourly bodies are left on the land by the receding waters or found pocketed in houses or piles of debris, as it came light this morning within a few miles of Guthrie. What damage to life and property further out in the country can only be known when the wire and railway train communication, now at a standstill, is resumed.

Death List Will Not Exceed 25.

Wichita, Kas., April 29.—A Guthrie special says the river is still bank full, but receding in most of the inundated districts. All the forenoon missing people were found clinging to bushes and drift wood down the stream or scattered in farm houses for miles, so it is now believed the death list will not exceed twenty-five at the most, most of them being drowned in the main channel during the first rush of waters. Five hundred homes were swept away and contents ruined. Twenty streets have been devastated and ruined.

Cyclone Reported.

Kansas City, Mo., April 29.—Very heavy rains prevail throughout central Kansas doing more or less damage. Up to noon it was impossible to verify the cyclone reported between Salina and Abilene. An Abilene dispatch to the Associated Press says nothing more serious than heavy rain storm prevailed there.

JAPAN TALKS WAR.

Regards the Sending of the Philadelphia to Honolulu as a Menace to Japan and Talks of War with the United States.

San Francisco, April 29.—Advices by steamer say that Japan is aroused over the refusal of Hawaii to permit certain Japanese immigrants to land there, and has ordered warships to Honolulu to enforce what Japanese immigrants consider their rights. Grave complications have arisen according to Japanese newspapers over the action of the United States in sending the Philadelphia to Honolulu. They claim the cruiser was sent as a menace to Japan and is considered significant as foretelling the annexation of the islands to the United States. Japan newspapers are full of war talk. Advices from Honolulu say the people there don't believe Admiral Beardslee of the Philadelphia is authorized to annex the islands, but that McKinley will send a minister soon to consummate annexation; that Rear Admital Beardslee will protect Americans in case of trouble with Japan.

Many of the school boys and girls were late getting to dinner and to school this afternoon. The boys who followed the band and the elephant didn't get back at all.

The grain business of the late W. W. Gilbert at Danforth was sold to Kohl & Eden, of Danforth, who will continue the business.

A few open cars were put on the lines of the Peoria street railway on Monday, for the first time this season.

NewspaperARCHIVE.com

Our Neighbors

Lesner.

Whooping cough is thick among the juvenile population.

T. C. Buxton has hired to teach the Prairie Hall school the ensuing year.

Rain Sunday interferred with Sabbath school.

Miss Rogers, of Decatur, is building a new house on her farm occupied by M. W. Patterson.

The Odd Fellows' lodge at this place celebrated their anniversary Monday evening by a feast.

Bethel Bates can say since Saturday night that he is a full fledged member of the Modern Woodmen.

Say, isn't it a little funny when two fellows get to going with the same lady? Judge Wilson says that such causes the young lady to occasionally take an afternoon nap, merely from necessity.

Maroa.

Miss Anna Miner went to Camp Point Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. F. Farlow.

W. B. Kinnamon left Thursday for Omaha, Neb., to look for a location.

Dr. Coddington, of Cincinnati, was in town Monday.

Mrs. Ida Schneck, of Decatur, spent Sunday with friends here.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. Timms on Friday.

Married—Miss Ollie Clough, daughter of John Clough, to Walter Shutt, Thursday, April 22, at 4 o'clock, at the home of the bride's father. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Preston Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Shutt left Friday for a visit with relatives at Ramsay.

Mrs Margaret Horen, of Springfield, is the guest of Thomas Costello and wife.

There will be communion service at the Presbyterian church on next Sunday. Preparatory lecture Friday evening.

Mr. Wells, of Macon, is night operator during the absence of Walter Shutt.

Miss Ethel Holloway, of Pittsfield, Ill., is the guest of Miss Bertha Blanchard.

E. L. Kemp, Illinois Central agent, has been transferrd to Pana. He left Tuesday to begin work. A Mr Backus, of Dixon, is the new agent at this place.

Mrs Sarah Nicholson will go to Jacksonville Friday to visit her daughter.

Will Barnett, of Decatur, is visiting his brother, Ed Barnett.

Miss Bumsmeyer, of Bloomington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Cooper.

James Harris made a business trip to Atlanta Tuesday.

About ten Masons from here will go to Kenney Thursday evening to assist in conferring the third degree on three candidates.

A. D. Wysong, D. L. Constiner and B. T. Jump were in Clinton Thursday evening.

Beardsale.

Our town is almost deserted since the weather is so the farmers can work in the field. Most of them are busy plowing for corn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Leben entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. Hays and Mr. and Mrs. H. Baum at dinner Sunday.

Measles are still quite plentiful in our vicinity. None of the cases are serious, however.

Mrs. Jerry Miller and daughter, Miss May, visited friends here on Tuesday.

Chas Lehow, of Boody, was calling on friends here last week.

Mr. Williams has been employed to teach the Boiling Springs school next winter. Mr. Cross, who taught there this year, we understand will teach at Sunny Side next year.

Cyrus Majer is delivering corn to S. E. Boar today.

Mrs W. E. Gouge, of Harristown, spent last Wednsday with Mrs. A. J. Conover.

Mr. Wm Ritchie, of Warrensburg, gave us a call the other day.

Dalton City.

Hon D P Killen, of Mowequa, transacted business here last week

Albert Willenden, of Sullivan, was here Saturday.

Frank Heneberry of Ullrick, was in town Monday.

Pat McCaughey was a business visitor in Decatur Monday.

Lon Beard, of Prairie Home was here on business Saturday.

Holton Hall, of LaPlace, was on our streets Monday.

M. E. Satthey, of Bethany, was a visitor here Monday.

Mary A. Duggan transacted business in Sullivan Monday.

Charley Lansdon, of Sullivan, the deputy sheriff, was here Tusday with a warrant for A. S. Clark for shooting a mule belonging to Mary A. Duggan.

James Tucker, of Prairie Home, was on our streets Wednesday.

Joseph Hagarty visited Lovington Tuesday.

The saloons in Lovington closed their doors Wednesday night.

Ed Mulvey, of Findley, visited our city over Sunday.

Billy Bell transacted business here Wednesday.

Dan Busman had a pleasant party at his home Saturday evening.

Mike McCarthy has his portable elevator on exhibition at the old school house.

Ben Lester bought a saddle horse last week.

Mike McCarthy transacted business in Decatur Tuesday.

Bill Sammons, of Decatur, transacted business here Tuesday.

There has been so much wet weather in the south the people voted our city dry for this season.

Albert Converse of Springfield, recently caught in the Sangamon river near that city a fish of the sturgeon species that weighed 27 pounds and measured 4 feet in length.

J. C. Perry, to whom Kankakee is indebted for her abundance of shade, is dying. He set out about 23,000 of the hard maples which adorn that city.

Farmers of Logan county declare that the season is at least three weeks behind, and that it will take a week more of dry weather to make part of the fields fit for cultivation.

THE OBSERVING YOUNG GIRL.

It Was All Very Remarkable Down to the Last Answer.

She was a charming young woman, and I became interested on learning she was employed in a large city laundry.

"Oh, yes," she said, in answer to my query, "there is character in clothing, and I sometimes try to picture what the owners of certain garments look like."

"Now, for instance, could you tell a reporter's shirt from some one else's?"

"Certainly; that's easy."

"How?"

"They're not of the finest material, and come to us one at a time," she replied, with roguish glance.

"I once was very much interested in a customer's wardrobe," she continued. "Of course, his name being on the garments would indicate who he was, but in this instance the name was not a prominent one, and was simply a name. I knew when he fell in love, for he was a young man. The style and make of the garments indicated the progress of the love affair. When I received an unusual number of neckties to be laundered in a week, the inference was that he and his sweetheart had been to several theaters or parties. Collars and cuffs would also tell their little stories. They had a quarrel once. How did I know? Oh, the number of articles was much less, and they also showed more wear. They said as plainly as possible that the young fellow was indifferent as to his personal appearance. I knew again when they had made it up. Collars and cuffs came by the dozens, some of them hardly soiled, just tried on and cast aside. He had become very particular about his looks again.

"I felt certain one week that he would be married soon, and sure enough he was."

"Saw the license announcement in the paper, eh?" I remarked.

"Oh, no. I watched the papers every day, but his name didn't appear. He was married in Chicago. How did I find out? Why, when his laundry came next to us there were other garments, too."

"So?"

"Yes. Shirt waists and such things. They were marked 'Nellie' and had a Chicago store mark."

"I suppose they are as happy as two doves now?"

"Three of them now," she answered.

"Three! How do you know?"

"Same way. Clothes. It's a boy and has red hair."

"Now, now. Don't josh. How can you tell whether a boy or girl?"

"Clothes marked 'Jack.'"

"And how do you know he has red hair?"

"Saw him yesterday."—St. Louis Republic.

ANSWERED THE NEEDS.

The Photographer Put Through a Brainy Scheme.

There is a photographer on the North side who not only furnishes waists and wigs for his sitters, but ideas as well. A woman went to his studio the other day with a thin, scrawny baby and wanted it photographed.

"A dozen cabinet pictures, in your best style," she said.

The photographer looked at the baby and shook his head.

"Wait until he gets well. He's too puny now."

"But I want to send them home to the old country, and I must have them at once. My friends there are expecting them."

"Have they ever seen the child?" asked the photographer.

"Never. That's why I want to send them before he's too old."

"Are they ever likely to see him?" continued the man.

"No, they ain't, but I don't see what that has got to do with his sitting for his picture."

"I've got a scheme," said the artist, as he regarded the child with a critical eye, "here's a dozen cabinets of a beautiful, plump baby, just what yours will be later on, and if you are willing you can have them at the same price and nobody will ever know the difference. They will be a credit to me as well as to you."

The mother was delighted, for, as the photographer urged, "one baby is a good deal like another," and a picture of ideal beauty was substituted—as it had often been before—for the plain original, and it is by no means likely that the distant friends will ever know any difference.—Chicago Tribune.

Cremation in England.

The report of the council of the Cremation society of England for 1896 shows that 137 cremations were carried out at Woking during the year as compared with 150 in 1895. The decrease is not important, as the figures for 1896 still show a material advance on any previous year, 1895 excepted. The following table of the cremations at Woking from the commencement of operations will show the growing popularity of the disposal of bodies by incineration: 1889, 46; 1890, 54; 1891, 90; 1892, 104; 1893, 101; 1894, 125; 1895, 150; 1896, 137. It has to be remembered that three crematoria are now open in England and Scotland, besides that belonging to the society at St. Johns, near Woking—namely, at Manchester, where 52 cremations took place during 1896; at Glasgow, where there were 11 cremations, and at Liverpool, where two cremations have been performed. — Westminster Gazette.

How Old Is She Now?

Judge—Pardon me, madam, what is your age?

Lady—Oh, let me see. When I was first married I was 18; then I lost my husband, and now more than five years have passed since I married again.—Strekosa.

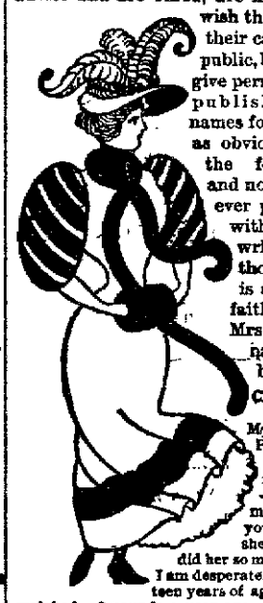
—Aluminium helmets have not proved entirely successful in the German army, the saving in weight being more than offset by the metal's storing heat even to blistering the foreheads of the wearers.

HER HAPPY DAY.

A CHARMING STORY OF MEDICINE AND MARRIAGE.

Two Open Letters From a Chicago Girl —How Happiness Came to Her.

Among the tens of thousands of women who apply to Mrs. Pinkham for advice and are cured, are many who wish the facts in their cases made public, but do not give permission to publish their names for reasons as obvious as in the following, and no name is ever published without the writer's authority; this is a bond of faith which Mrs. Pinkham has never broken.



Chicago, Jan. 5th, '95.

My dear Mrs. Pinkham—A friend of mine, Mrs. ——, wants me to write you, because she says: "you did her so much good." I am desperate. Am nineteen years of age, tall, and weighed 138 pounds a year ago. I am now a mere skeleton. From your little book I think my trouble is profuse menstruation. My symptoms are * * * * etc.

Our doctor (my uncle) tells father that I am in consumption, and wants to take me to Florida. Please help me: Tell me what to do, and tell me quickly I am engaged to be married in September. Shall I live to see the day? * * * * LUCY E. W.

Chicago, June 16th, '95.

My dear Mrs. Pinkham:—This is a happy day I am well and gaining weight daily, but shall continue the treatment and Vegetable Compound during the summer, as you suggest Uncle knows nothing about what you have done for me, because it would make things very unpleasant in the family. I would like to give you a testimonial to publish, but father would not allow it. * * * * I shall be married in September, and as we go to Boston, will call upon you How can I prove my gratitude? * * * * LUCY E. W.

Just such cases as the above leak out in women's circles, and that is why the confidence of the women of America is bestowed upon Mrs Pinkham.

Why are not physicians more candid with women when suffering from such ailments?

Women want the truth, and if they cannot get it from their doctor, will seek it elsewhere.

BOCK BEER

...April 29...

The quantity of Bottled BOCK BEER will be limited.

ORDER EARLY. TEL. 84.

April 26-d6

WIEGAND'S

....SAMPLE ROOM...

227 North Main Street.

Fine Wines and Liquors.

FAUST

Beer on Draught and for Table Use.

☞Free Music all the time by the Graphophone. Come and hear it.

Carpets..

We are selling Carpets at a Lower Prices than ever. We also weave Carpets.

We also weave Rugs from old Ingrain or Brussels Carpet. Can weave any width, from one-half yard to two and a half yards wide.

CHAS. PFISTER,

South Side Lincoln Square, 2d Floor.

Notice of Change of Name.

OFFICE OF CULVER ELECTRIC CO., Decatur, Ill., April 27, 1897.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the stockholders of the Municipal Electric Co., held at Decatur, Ill., on the 20th day of January, 1897, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the name of the Municipal Electric Company be and the same is hereby changed to Culver Electric Co." and that the certificates of such change have been filed in the office of the Secretary of State and in the office of the recorder of deeds in the county of Macon, as provided by law

J. H. CULVER, President.

F. H. CULVER, Secretary.

April 27-d3w

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

Excursion rates to St. Louis and return every Saturday and Sunday. One fare round trip. Tickets good going Saturday afternoon and returning Monday morning.

Winter Tourist Rates are now on to points south and southwest.

Settlers' Half Fare rates to points south every 1st and 3d Tuesday of each month.

Take the new Daylight Special for Chicago and St. Louis—Solid Daily train.

City Ticket Office removed from 110 Library Block to 131 East William street, directly across the street. Telephone, New No. 26; Old No 68. Union Depot Telephone No. 47, New.

Tailor Made Suit and Shirt Waist Season.

Ladies' Silk Shirt Waists in Japanese Wash Silks, at $2.95 each.

Ladies' Silk Shirt Waists in Printed Foulard Silks, attached cuffs, detached collars, $3.50 each.

Taffeta Silk Shirt Waists, fine quality silk, a great variety of colors, perfect fitting, with attached cuffs, detached collars, at $4.50 each.

Ladies' Fancy Silk Dress Waists in Foulards, Plain and Figured Taffeta and Brocades, at $4.95, $5.95, and $7.00 each.

Ladies' Plain and Fancy Tweed Eton Suits, $3.95 each.

Ladies' Tailor-made Suits, plain Serge, plain cloth and Scotch mixtures, Norfolk and Blazer Jacket, at $5.00 suit.

Ladies' Tailor-made Suits at $10.00, $15.00 to $30.00 each.

A nice line of Children's Cloth Dresses, skirt and jacket to match, for children from 4 to 14 years, $3.50 to $6.00 each.

Bradley Bros

DRY GOODS & MILLINERY

Decatur Ill.

Agents for Jouvin Kid Gloves and Standard Patterns.

The Standard Designer, 10c per copy, 85c per year.

WINDOW SCREENS.

It is time to put them in order now.

TELEPHONE US

To Do It For You.

C. L. GRISWOLD & CO.

"Good Flour" Is Not Good Enough.

Pillsbury's Best

is what every housewife wants. Makes the most bread, the whitest bread, the best bread.

Get Pillsbury's Best. Ask and insist.

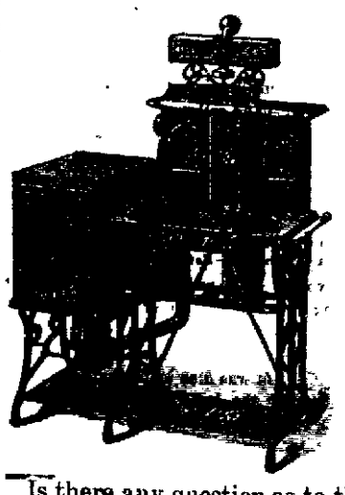
SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of Coles county, Illinois, in favor of A. B. Craycroft and against C. M. Horn, I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lots twenty-seven (27), twenty-eight (28), twenty-nine (29) and thirty (30), in block seven (7), in H. A. Wood's Walnut Grove addition of out lots to the City of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, Taken as property of the said C. M. Horn, which I shall offer at public sale at north door of court house in Decatur in Macon county, in said state on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 9th day of April, A. D. 1897.

J. P NICHOLSON, Sheriff Macon County, Illinois.

April 9-dtd



"Quick Meal."

Warm Weather will soon be here and you will want that new "Oil Stove."

What to Buy?

The Best, of Course.

Is there any question as to the Best when more than half of all the evaporating stoves sold in the United States during last season were "QUICK MEALS." They always give satisfaction. We are the agents for their full line. See them and you will have no other.

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.

ONE BLOCK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

Boys' Department

Bring in the Boys from 2½ yea up. We can show about all t new and proper for Boys' Suits that are Cheap and Corr style and texture.

Vestee Suits,

Junior Suits,

Double Breasted Suits

Dress Suits.

Suits from $1.25 up.

Thousands to select

Knee Pants at 15c, 20

The best thing ever shown a 50c, 75c and $1

Boys' Long

New a the ne brown

At $4.00, and up

Ottenhei

The Progressive Clothiers, Telephone 182.

33 Cents on

Thirty-one years ago we opened an Exclu in Decatur. Goods that we are now selling Paper sold at that time for 25c, we now sell

Spring time brings demands for these ar stock of all grades, from Cotton Ingrains at Axminsters. Our WALL PAPER from a the grades to the charming Brilliantines.

No one trying to monopolize all branches dealing exclusively in these goods, giving o and quality, all things being equal.

Call and trad

Abel Carpet W

Suit and
Vaist Season.

ese Wash Silks, at $2.95 each.

ed Foulard Silks, attached cuffs,

ity silk, a great variety of colors, cuffs, detached collars, at $4.50

Foulards, Plain and Figured Taf- 95, and $7.00 each.

on Suits, $3 95 each.

rge, plain cloth and Scotch mix- et, at $5.00 suit.

0.00, $15.00 to $30.00 each.

sses, skirt and jacket to match, for 50 to $6.00 each.

Bros
Decatur Ill.

and Standard Patterns.
er, 10c per copy, 85c per year.

OW
NS.

hem in order now.
ONE US
For You.

VOLD & CO.

"Quick Meal."

Warm Weather will soon be here and you will want that new "Oil Stove."

What to Buy?
The Best, of Course.

uestion as to the Best when more than half porating stoves sold in the United States son were "QUICK MEALS." They always . We are the [illegible] for their full line. See ill have no [illegible].

n Bros. & Martin Co.
EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

Boys' Department.

Bring in the Boys from 2½ years and up We can show about all that is new and proper for Boys' Wear. Suits that are Cheap and Correct in style and texture.

Vestee Suits,
Junior Suits,
Double Breasted Suits.
Dress Suits.
Suits from $1.25 up.
Thousands to select from.

Knee Pants at 15c, 20c.

The best thing ever shown at 50c, 75c and $1.00.

Boys' Long Pant Suits!

New and tasty styles in all the new plaids, checks and browns,

At $4.00, $5.00, $6.00, $7.00, and up to $12.00.

Ottenheimer & Co.
The Progressive Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.
Telephone 182. MASONIC TEMPLE

SCATTER ROSES

of health is what you can do on a DECATUR bicycle. April showers and May flowers are synonymous with the revivification of Nature in the spring time, but a DECATUR bicycle will revivify your physical being with the ozone of Nature, and give you health and vitality that could be gained in no other way;

Honest Bicycles at
Honest Prices.

MOREHOUSE & WELLS CO.

CARPETS

33 Cents on the Dollar!

Thirty one years ago we opened an **Exclusive Carpet and Wall Paper Store** in Decatur. Goods that we are now selling at 65c were then sold at $1.75. Wall Paper sold at that time for 25c, we now sell you at 8c.

Spring time brings demands for these articles, and you find us with a large stock of all grades, from Cotton Ingrains at 16c to the best Tapestry Body and Axminsters. Our **WALL PAPER** from a common brown at 4c up through all the grades to the charming Brilliantines.

No one trying to monopolize all branches can or will do as well by you as we—dealing exclusively in these goods, giving our entire attention to style, coloring and quality, all things being equal.

Call and trade with us.

Abel Carpet Wall Paper Co.

HAVE YOU TRIED
CHASE & SANBORN'S
COFFEES?

Sold Only at—
"The Economy,"
221 North Water Street.

LOCAL NEWS.

More rain came last night and today.

Men's tan shoes, $1.75 at Powers' shoe store.—33-1w

Go to Grass Wall Paper Painting company for fine papers. 27-d1w

Five applicants were examined by the pension board yesterday.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. mch 25-dtf

Go to Grass Wall Paper Painting company and have your house painted. 27-d1w

The Barnum & Bailey shows will exhibit in Decatur June 14.

For first-class dyeing and cleaning and pressing take your clothing to Miller's. They are first-class practical dyers and dry cleaners, 145 North Main street.

If you are troubled with catarrh, asthma or headache, use the German medicator, a perfect cure. mar 16dtf

It is understood that the Pinafore comic opera will be repeated in May.

Irwin's Sarsaparilla, purifies the blood and makes the weak strong.

Only Two Hours and Fifty Minutes to Peoria. Take the Vandalia Line. Train leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Irwin's celery compound is admitted to be the best, by all who have given it a trial.

Next Monday evening the members of the Royal Neighbors will give a May day entertainment. The May-pole dance will be given.

If you would save money and get the best instruments on easy terms call at the C. B. Prescott music house on North Water street.

At the meeting of the Decatur Pension Examining Board Wednesday the applicants were D. O. Giffin of Argenta, Mabley Decker of Oakley, W. M. Ballard, A. L. Brockway and Green Moore of Decatur.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Largest stock of paints, oils and varnishes at lowest prices, 208 N. Water street. 27d1w

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wtf

The Wood street base ball team defeated the Church street team by a score of 15 to 10 in a five inning game. The game was played on the William street diamond. The batteries for Wood street were Graves and Green; for Church street Whitmer and Glan. Murray, the champion news boy batter, never touched a ball.

Gents, now is the time to look up your spring suit of clothes or overcoat and have them re-dyed, cleaned or pressed in first-class style by people who are experts and practical dyers and cleaners at Miller's Steam Dying and Dry Cleaning establishment, 145 North Main street.

The officers of the Illinois Cutlery company are: Milton Johnson, president; E. E. Johnson, secretary and treasurer, Edward Quintenz, superintendent The factory is on East Eldorado street and employs 30 operators. The articles made are hardware specialties and serrated edged knives. The market is the world.

We guarantee the noted "Perfect" Baking Powder best or money back. It does lovely baking. 25c per lb. Saves one-half. Try it.

Munson.	Springer.	Allsup.
Hall.	Kipp.	Bachman.
Robinson.	Schlie & Oehler.	Culver.
Chronister.	Denz.	Boyer.

arp 8 d1m

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 433, new phone 435. M. F. Metz.—31-dtf

Hinkle's Best
FLOUR.

Is the finest flour sold in the City of Decatur. It has no equal for making good bread. If you want the Best Flour made use HINKLE'S BEST. If you can't get it call up

—PHONE 550.—

☞ The following merchants sell it:

Hellman & Son.	May Bros.
Drobisch Bros.	Robt. McCane.
Keys Bros.	William Niedermeyer
Henry Lyon.	H. Meyer.
J. H. Beatty.	McMahan & Fulton.
C. C. Radcliff.	Schlie & Oehler.
Shaffer Bros.	I. N. Cool.
J. E. Wheeler.	Weckerman & Knapp.
W. H. Howard.	D. Armbruster.
Chas. Mathesey.	R. W. Davis.
S. P. McAllister.	Bee Hive.
J. B. Robinson.	T. T. Springer.

THE OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER.

Historical Points From 1856 Up to Date—Position Held by Three Different Men.

Eds. Republican: As the appointment of the City Engineer is attracting some attention at the present time perhaps a short history of the office may be of sufficient interest to the public to warrant the publication of the following account.

Decatur was organized as a city in 1856 and the writer was appointed city engineer at that time and continued to hold the office until 1868 when the late Charles A. Tuttle was appointed to succeed him. Mr. Tuttle held the office for two years when I was again appointed to the position and remained until 1872, when Mr. George V. Loring, the present county surveyor, succeeded me. In the spring of 1874 I was elected by the people to the office of city engineer and was also appointed superintendent of water works by Mayor Priest and held those offices jointly until 1880 when the office of superintendent of water works was abolished and Mr. Loring was again elected city engineer and continued in office until 1887 when I was again appointed to the position by Mayor Kanan and have held it continuously up to the present time, with the exception of an interval of about ten months in 1894, when Mayor Moffit appointed Mr. Loring to serve. I was again appointed in 1895 by Mayor Conklin. It will thus be seen that only three different men have filled the office during a period of over forty years. No salary was attached to the office until 1887, when it was fixed at $1000 per year and has never been changed. Previous to 1887 the engineer was paid by the day for actual services performed, until after 1884, but little public improvement of substantial and permanent character having been done. During that year the council engaged Benezette Williams, an eminent civil engineer from Chicago to establish a system of sewerage and street grades for the city, which system was then adopted and that system has since been the basis for the construction of the paved streets and main sewers in the city. No main sewers were built until 1890 when the contract for the construction of all the main sewers was let to be built in accordance with the plans, profiles and specifications of the Williams system, which was executed to the letter. In the construction of the lateral sewers the Williams system has not been adhered to, but they have been built from time to time in such locations as the council directed but the depth of the laterals was necessarily controlled by the depth of the main sewer, and any fault that may exist in these sewers should be attributed to the system itself and not to the execution of it; the same reasoning will also apply to the construction of the paved streets, where as a rule, the Williams grade has been adhered to, the exceptions being in cases where the change was regarded by the committee on public improvement and the engineer as beneficial to both public and private interests.

The office of city engineer is a very important one, perhaps the most important of any in the city, but it has not been generally so regarded. It is also a very difficult one to fill, and if the engineer does his whole duty to the public he is frequently counter to private interests and is liable to unjust censure and criticism. He is often directed by the council (usually from lack of funds to do it properly) to do work contrary to his own judgment, and then the fault is often laid at the door of the engineer. These are some of the embarrassments to which all public officers are subjected. The city engineer of Decatur has never been furnished with an office room, where a well appointed engineer's office could be maintained, much less an assistant to attend to the duties pertaining to such an office. No man alone can attend to such an office and perform all the other duties required of the engineer. At the risk of being charged with egotism the undersigned believes that while he can perform as much work in this city and do it as well as any engineer from Chicago, Peoria or Danville, he would not presume to say that he could go to these cities and do the same. The reasons for this assertion are obvious to the most casual observer. At the present time there is but little for any engineer to do nor is there a very flattering prospect for work in view, and as a tax payer, it appears to me that it is not a propitious season to employ an expensive engineering corps. Sullivan Burgess.

FIRST CIRCUS OF THE SEASON

The Walter L. Main Attraction a Good Thing—Streets Thronged with People.

The celebrated Walter L. Main circus and menagerie arrived in the city this morning from Terre Haute at 7 o'clock, and by 10 o clock the big tents were raised at the race track where the first performance is in progress this afternoon to the delight of a big crowd. The street parade this forenoon was a brilliant pageant, over a mile in length, displaying thirty cars and fine wagons, tableau, chariots, six splendid bands, the ever-present calliope, herds of elephants and droves of camels. The trained and trick horses in the parade were the finest ever shown in Decatur. The streets were lined with people from the city and country to witness the grand display. All of the school children were permitted to view the parade

The hippodrome was a great feature of the show this afternoon. Manager Main has paid special attention to this important department. He has imported more than a score of the finest blooded racing stock ever brought to America, including many full-blooded Arabian steeds, noted for their fleetness of foot. The enormous canvas is absolutely water-proof, and is the largest ever constructed, making it possible to have a race course fully a quarter of a mile in length, or four laps to a mile. Around this splendid course the men and horses dash along at the very feet of the spectator, and its great length enables them to attain and maintain the highest possible rate of speed. There are races of all kinds, ancient and modern, between horses, men, animals, and when they are not terrific they are funny, ludicrously funny, exciting rounds of applause and continual laugher. It is not only a decided novelty, but the most exciting of all hippodrome races, whether ancient or modern.

The wonderful inventionof Capt. Pierre Perier, of Paris, France, is also something that should be seen by every man, woman and child in the world. He gives exhibitions of the life saving apparatus he has designed by leaping from a tower 100 feet high. The closing performance will be given tonight. See the Walter L. Main show and you will praise it.

Communication.

Eds. Republican: There is a good deal of talk about candidates floating around, so a little more will not hurt. Now, in regard to that meeting the colored people held last week, which was reported the next day as a meeting for the selection of a representative candidate of the colored people for policemanship, and resulted in the selection of Mr. Ed Scott, I would like to know what Mr. Scott had to offer before this meeting as a recommendation for his selection. I don't know of a single one he could offer except he voted the ticket. In the first place mentally or morally he is not above the average, and physically he is below, and a small policeman is a recognized failure the world over, for he offers too much inducement for resistance if he is white, and 50 per cent more if he is colored, for the most dealing a policeman has with people is when they are in their worst mood and a little fellow has to keep clubbing or keep out of the way, and I want to say that there is a pebble or two more on the beach if there is to be a change that is as much entitled to consideration in this affair; men that are not new; men that are not afraid to go and vote for fear they will loose their job; men that don't hire selections nor buy popularity. A. R. Voter.

Salvation Army Tonight.

The meeting at the Salvation Army, 120 Merchant street, will be conducted by Lieutenant Colonel Evans, of St. Louis, Mo. He will be assisted by Staff Captain Sammons. The Lieutenant Colonel has the oversight of all salvation army operations in the territory known as the midland division, comprising southern Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas and Iowa. This will be his first visit here and all lovers of humanity are invited out to hear him.

University Association.

Following is the program of the meeting of the university association to be held at the W. C. T. U. rooms in Library block tonight:

"Education of the Egyptians"—Miss Mary Nell.

"Religion and Mythology"—Dr. H C Jones.

"Tombs and Temples"—Mrs. J. M. Clokey.

"Modern Egypt"—Dr. R. L. Walston

A Dinner Party.

Yesterday Mrs. O. B. Gorin entertained a few friends at a 1 o'clock dinner at her home on Prairie avenue. The dinner was in honor of her sister, Mrs. Lee Elkin, of Springfield, who is visiting relatives in the city. Those present were Mesdames G. W. Jenkins, H. Meriweather, Laura Snyder, Mrs. Elkin and daughters, Isabelle and Judith, and Misses Jane Mc Clellan and Jessie Meriweather.

Policeman Assigned.

At headquarters this forenoon at 10 o clock there was a round-up of the entire police force and the office was full of coppers. They were on hand to receive assignments for circus day. Marshal Mason had the list made out and he made the assignments placing one to two men on the prominent corners along the route of the parade.

Young Ladies Entrertained.

A party was given last night at Mr C S. Christian's home by the young men of the east end in honor of the young ladies The evening was spent in playing games Refreshments were served at a seasonable hour. The young folks departed declaring to their hostess that they were highly entertained.

Looking for Locations.

Attorney J. M. Clokey has received applications from parties representing a big woolen mill and factory industry, who are seeking a location in Decatur. They will want suitable buildings only, no money, and the factory also desires a building. The propositions are under consideration.

New Manager.

Charles P. Housum, jr., has been chosen as manager of the Goodman band in place of George E. Golze, who has resigned to accept a position with the Walter L. Main circus band. Mr Golze was with the Forepaugh band several seasons and every summer he goes on the road. He will return in the fall and be with the Decatur band again.

Cincinnati.

I have received 100 cases of Cincinnati bottled beer especially for family use, at a moderate price. Try a case. Gus Ahrens, telephone No. 142.—29-d3t

CHICAGO MAKES A KICK.

Live Stock Dealers Want Rates from Decatur and Taylorville Reduced.

An important matter to stock shippers will come up next Tuesday at Springfield at the meeting of the state board of Railroad and Warehouse commissioners. It is the vigorous complaint of the Chicago Live Stock Exchange, and demand for the reduction of the maximum distance rates on live stock.

Under the present adjustment of rates shipments of live stock can be made from many Illinois points to Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Cleveland at less rates than to Chicago, and the distance to these other markets is considerably greater than to Chicago. The result is that hundreds of cars of live stock naturally tributary to Chicago and other Illinois markets are being diverted every month to eastern live stock markets and packing centers.

Illinois live stock shippers prefer to patronize Chicago, and would do so at equal rates, but at present they are denied this privilege except at higher rates. This discrimination the Chicago Live Stock Exchange is endeavoring to correct by reducing the maximum distance rates on live stock in the state of Illinois.

The rate on hogs from Decatur to Chicago at present is 15 3 10 cents per 100 pounds, the distance 169 miles, the rate to Indianapolis is 10 cents, distance 153 miles; the rate to Cincinnati is 15 cents, distance 264 miles; and the rate to Cleveland is 14 cents, distance 456 miles. The rate on hogs from Taylorville to Chicago is 16 cents, distance 202 miles, rate to Cincinnati 13 cents, distance 327 miles; rate to Cleveland 15 cents, distance 465 miles. The rate from Dalavan to Chicago on hogs is 14 7.10 cents, and of sheep 17 2.10 cents, the distance being 157 miles, while the rate to Indianapolis on hogs is 10 cents and on sheep 12 cents and the distance 204 miles. In addition there is a $2 terminal charge at Chicago, which is another barrier to this market.

The reduction requested will to a great extent put Chicago and other live stock markets in the state of Illinois on a parity with other eastern markets.

Members of the Chicago Live Stock Exchange think the Railroad and Warehouse commission should see that these flagrant discrimination against home markets are corrected. Not only is the Chicago Live Stock Exchange and the live stock owners and shippers of the state interested in this reduction, they say, but the city of Chicago, the entire state, and all interests are vitally concerned.

Unless prompt and effectual steps are taken to change the existing condition of affairs, they say, the greatest industry in Chicago will be seriously crippled

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

Canton Decatur at Guards' Armory—Reception and Dance.

The hospitable members of Canton Decatur, No. 19, Patriarchs Militant, held a reception last night at Guards' Armory, it being the occasion of the public installation of the newly elected officers. J. L. Drake, C M. Lytle and George Bell were on the reception committee. The installing officer was Colonel English Kitchen, in command of the Illinois Regiment of Patriarchs Militant, and these are the new officers:

Commandant—R. H. Schroeder.
Lieutanant—Will H. Peters.
Ensign—R R. Ballinger.
Accountant—John A. Keck
Clerk—Charles M. Borchers.
Standard Bearer—Lee N. Cope
Sentinel—T. H Richardson.

Colonel Kitchen observed the ceremonial requirements faithfully and brought out fully the beauty and principles of the P. M. section of Odd Fellowship. There was a parade of the entire organization, the officers in the lead, and then came the dance, G W. Bell and Miss Hortense Lytle leading the grand march for the dance, which continued until a late hour. Frappe was served during the evening by Mrs. Clint Brodess, and there were card games for those who did not care to dance.

WANTS A DIVORCE.

John W. Reed Desires Separation from His Wife.

In the circuit court to the June term John W. Reed has filed a bill for a divorce from his wife, Lovina Reed, to whom he was married in 1887. The ground is adultery and the correspondent named is James Singleton, of Martinsville, Ind. Mr. Reed is a resident of Decatur. He alleges that Mrs. Reed is now at Martinsville, whither he declares she was caused to go by Singleton. The attorneys for the complainant are Mills and Fitzgerald.

Awarded
Highest Honors—World's Fair.
DR.
PRICE'S
CREAM
BAKING
POWDER
MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant.
40 Years the Standard.

Daily Republican

B. K. HAMSHER | W. F. CALHOUN.

HAMSHER & CALHOUN, Proprs.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

Entered at Decatur as second class mail matter

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION.

By mail, postage paid, one year.....$5.00
Delivered by carrier to any part of city
Per week, 10 cents; Yearly, in advance..$5.0
Postal card requests, or orders through telephone No. 48, will secure early attention of carriers in any district.
Address THE EVENING REPUBLICAN, 125 South Water street, Decatur, Illinois.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 1897.

REPUBLICAN JUDICIAL TICKET.

For Judge of the 3d Supreme District,
JACOB W. WILKIN, of Vermilion.
[Election June 7.]

For Judges of the Fourth Circuit.
[Three to elect—Election June 7.]
F. BOOKWALTER, of Vermilion.
F. M. WRIGHT, of Champaign.
E. P. VAIL, of Macon.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, April 29.—Rainy this afternoon; probably cloudy tonight; Friday generally fair, slightly warmer; brisk to high northerly winds.

Congressional Apportionment Bill.

There seems to be a determination in some quarters to redistrict the state into new congressional districts. Just why this should be done is not exactly clear, under present conditions. The present apportionment it is true is Democratic and was intended to give the Democrats the advantage in the state, but so far they have failed to secure any advantage The first election held under their apportionment they failed to elect a single congressman in the state. Downey claimed his election and secured a seat but it was subsequently found he had not been elected and General Rineker, his contestant, was seated. In the recent election the Democrats managed, with an alliance with the Populists, to elect three or four men to congress. This indicates that the present apportionment is not absolutly discouraging to the Republicans and might perhaps as well be left alone considering the fact that the formation of new districts is not conducive to the best party organization until the new neighbors get acquainted. Then again if the new tariff bill is enacted and business revives the Republicans will be as strong as they were in 1896 while the chances for a coalition between the Democrats and the Populists will not be as good as they were in 1896.

Macon county, it is reported, in one of the apportionment bills, is put into a Democratic district. There is no good reason for doing this. Of course Macon is on the dividing line between the Democratic portion of the state and the Republican portion of the state, but there can be no logical reason for putting Macon county in a Democratic district. In all the apportionments made under the present constitution Macon county has always been in a Republican district except in the present one, which was mapped out for a Democratic district but which has now twice been carried by the Republicans It was always so districted except in the present arrangement by Republican legislatures and why a Republican legislature should now think of putting it into a Democratic district does not appear. In the last election it gave 1500 majority for the Republican ticket and saved the district. Its Republicans are entitled to some consideration and when it is not necessary to do so they should be saved the humiliation of being rammed into a Democratic district when there is no need for it. If the report is true it is to be hoped that feature of the bill will be rearranged and the county put where it will aid in making a Republican district on the border instead of throwing its Republican vote where it will do no good. The present distret is fighting ground. If the Republicans in the legislature can do no better they should leave it as it is, or, better still, take out some of the Democratic counties, either Menard or Christian, and go east and take in Piatt or Douglas or both to make up for these counties.

The house yesterday passed the bill providing that no candidate's name shall appear more than once on an official ballot. This is a good amendment to the Australian ballot law as under the old plan unfair advantage was taken. This will prevent humbug combinations of third parties on official ballots whereby voters are deceived. Should this bill become a law those third party tollwers who went to vote the Democratic ticket "unbeknown" to themselves cannot ease their delicate consciences by having the names of Democratic nominees printed under their title, but will have to go over to the Democratic ticket to vote it. In other words, they will have to swallow it straight, with no chance to deceive themselves by so doing.

The election of Deboe in Kentucky does not give the Republicans in the United States quite a clear majority on all party questions. The total membership in the senate is 90, but Florida and Oregon have each but one senator, having failed thus far to elect. This leaves the senate stand at present with 88 members of which 45 would be a quorum. With the addition of Deboe the Republicans now have 43, and counting Kyle, who is now considered with them, 44. The opposition consists of 33 Democrats and 11 Populists and silver Republicans. With this opposition vote united the senate now stands a tie but the vote of the vice-president would give the Republicans one majority. The same condition would still obtain if Florida elects a Democrat and Oregon elects a Republican. If Florida elects a Democrat and Oregon does not elect the opposition would have 45 to the Republicans 44.

The offer to relieve the hunger of the noncombatants in Cuba that Weyler has forced from their homes into the cities to starve will probably be regarded by Spain as an unfair advantage taken by the United States of Spain.

The election of a Republican senator from Kentucky has at last been accomplished. They have been two years doing it, but like a store debt paid, it could not have come at a better time.

If Weyler is not lying about the Cuban war being over why does he not permit the noncombatants to leave the cities and go home?

Niantic.

Measles is epidemic in our town.

Miss Cora Blake, of Chicago, is spending the week here.

The children and friends of Mrs. Richard Beck gave her a surprise dinner Wednesday in honor of her 55th birthday.

Mrs. Thomas Patchett and Charles Chamberlain, of Decatur, visited J. H. Chamberlain's family Wednesday.

Mrs. George Danley and sons visited Mrs. Danley's father, John Cassell, Sunday.

Douglas Tippet is training Mr. Dingman's fine young blood hounds.

Levi Danley, of Riverton, is here to visit his mother.

Robby Hawk entertained some little folks Tuesday in honor of his sixth birthday.

We are all anxiously awaiting the decision of the board in regard to license next Monday night. Though the anti-license ticket only elected one candidate, the new board are all honorable men and we can not believe they will vote for license.

Mr. Gross has not yet assumed control of the postoffice.

The farm residence of E. Simpson, near Niantic, burned Wednesday.

Miss Maggie Shrader continues very low with consumption.

Illinois Central Excursion to St. Louis.

On account of the Turnfest North American Gymnastic Union to be held in St. Louis May 6 to 11, the I. C. R. R. will sell round trip tickets to St. Louis for $3.55 for round trip. Tickets sold May 5, 6 and 8, good returning May 9, 10 and 11, and on Saturday and Sunday, May 8 and 9 will sell tickets at $1.50 for the round trip. These tickets good going on Daylight Special on Saturday afternoon and Diamond Special Sunday morning, good returning only on Diamond Special of Sunday night. For tickets or information call at city office, 131 East William street, or Union depot.—may 8

Sale of a Creamery.

The plant of the Warrensburg Butter and Cheese company, consisting of building, engine and boiler, butter, cheese and feed mill machinery, will be sold on Saturday, May 1 at 10 o'clock to the highest bidder for cash or approved note bearing 7 per cent interest from date, for one year. Building and parts of machinery will be sold separately if desired. Lot can also be bought or leased at reasonable terms. Sale at Warrensburg.

C. W. French, Pres.
—26-d5t E. J. Roberts, Auctioneer.

Account of the Turnfest of North American Gymnastic Union at St. Louis the Wabash will sell tickets at one fare for the round trip, May 5, 6 and 8. In addition to the Turn Fest there are a great many other attractions at St. Louis, viz: a railway collision, theatres and parks. To accommodate the traveling public we will on May 8 and 9 sell excursion tickets to St. Louis at $1.50 for the round trip, good going on trains leaving Decatur at 4, 4:05 and 7:20 p. m., of Saturday, May 8, and 3:40 and 6.55 a. m. of Sunday, May 9. Tickets will only be good returning on trains of May 9. For particulars see small bills.—24-d96

At the Grand.

The Andrews Opera company will fill the promised engagement. Large advance sales of seats.

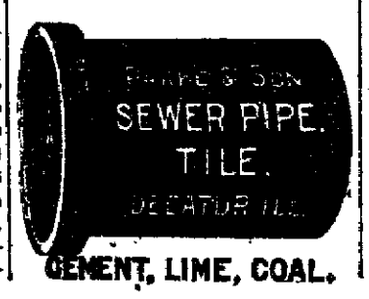
The Billy Link Vaudeville company will appear at the Grand next week. The first performance will be Wednesday night. Matinee Wednesday afternoon.

Failure.

The private banking firm of Willis Vanordstrand & Co at Heyworth in McLean county, has made an assignment; cash on hand $319.19; total assets $30,-928; liabilities $22,445.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.



CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

THE OLD SPELLING CLASS.

I see them yet, the boys and girls who
stood up in a row
And tried to spell each other down so many
years ago,
Their voices sweet come back to me from
out the shadows cool,
And love invests with cherished thoughts
that ne'er forgotten school.
I hear the titter, half suppressed, that
flitted up and down
The line when some one missed a word, despite the master's frown
Though stern was he, we wept the day we
laid him 'neath the grass,
And sorrow spread her pinions o'er the
old spelling class.

We knew the book from "baker" to the
hardest word therein,
But sometimes we missed a letter and the
next to us would win.
Spelling hard in sun and shadow, how the
days went flitting by!
How oft we turned each other down beneath the winter sky!
One day would find me near the head as
happy as could be,
And the next I'd lose my laurels by the
absence of an "e."
Thus long ago we stood in line and spelled,
but now, alas!
How few are left of all who formed the old
spelling class.

I remember Sammy Bolton and his cousin,
Tommy Root;
The class did not look right unless we
found them at the foot
And there was Jimmy Nicholson with eyes
so bright and blue;
We could always count on Jimmy spelling
"robin" with a "u"
And Davy Jones, who always got his "e"
before his "i,"
And who, when reprimanded, had a silent
little cry
For he was kind and tender and his heart
seemed made of glass,
And often it was shattered in the old spelling class

I see the merry faces of the girls who
spelled me down,
From little Mary Stapleton to sweet Melinda Brown,
From mischief making Dora May to Margarita Blue,
The lass who loved her spelling book and
knew it through and through
Whene'er I hesitated she would slyly set
me right,
And many a time she saved me from a very
awkward plight.
I used to think—no matter what, it never
came to pass,
Another won the beauty of the old spelling
class

I wonder where they are to-day, the boys
and girls who stood
And spelled each other down within the
schoolhouse in the wood
I know that some are sleeping where the
violets lift their heads
In early spring and beautify their narrow
little beds;
While others left the cherished scenes with
eagerness to try
Their fortunes in a stranger land beneath
a stranger sky;
But often in the twilight, when alone, there
seem to pass
Before me all the members of the old spelling class

Methinks I hear the voices now as when
we stood in line,
Just six and twenty boys and girls; 'tis a
memory half divine,
The past recrowns the present with a
wreath that withers not,
And recollection wings her flight to one
dear, cherished spot
Once more I climb the little hill, a boy
with heart elate,
Again I'm seated on the bench with spelling book and slate;
And in a voice I'll ne'er forget, whatever
comes to pass,
I hear the master calling for the old spelling class.

—T. C. Harbaugh, in N. Y. Sun.

THE CROSS OF LILIES.

"YOU shall not go—I would rather see you dead at my feet."

"I shall go, father—some day." And so she went out of his life.

He was an old Puritan—grim, ascetic, dead to all pleasure and amusement. There had been but three things for him—his Bible, his sword and his daughter. He had laid aside his sword, for he was growing old; but the Book was always by him, and he loved to interpret it in his own harsh fashion. And then his daughter—but she had gone.

She was young and beautiful, panting for all that makes life sweet and grateful—for love, for triumph, for the applause of thousands. She had resolved to be an actress and to have them all. She was stifled in that ugly, square house in Scotland. The dull, unending moors overwhelmed her. The cold gray stones of her home crushed out all her life. She longed to spread her wings and to fly to the glare and glitter of some great city. So one day she disappeared, and James Gordon was left alone with his Bible.

He uttered no reproach, but his grim mouth seemed to close more firmly, while the lines grew deeper on his rugged face. The neighbors were disappointed at his apathy. They mentioned his daughter's name to him, in the hope of arousing some emotion or torrent of abuse. But he merely half rose from his chair and looked at them. They were silent, and left him. So a year passed away, and he began to grow weary of sky and moor. He sat all day in his oaken chair, with his hand on the Bible.

Meanwhile Ruth Gordon's name was on everyone's lips in London. Her beauty had brought her all she had ever dreamed, more than she could ever have hoped. It was the last night of the burlesque wherein she made herself famous. The house was crammed, and she excelled herself in every song and dance. At the close of the piece the stage was covered with bouquets from admirers—from men she knew and men who wished to be known to her. She stood amid a bank of flowers, and bowed to the thunders of applause. She was a queen, for that night at least.

Then, when the curtain had gone down for the last time, she picked up one or two of the offerings and went off to her dressing-room. One she held in her hand had attracted her by its uncommon shape and condition. It was a half-faded cross of white lilies. She threw it contemptuously on her table, and pressed the other—the gift of a young earl—to her lips.

"Who dared send me that shabby thing?" she said to her dresser, and then picked it up, from sheer curiosity, to see the name of the man who had ventured to offer it. She dropped it, and uttered a cry of surprise and pleasure; then picked it up again and kissed it passionately. The label read: "To my Daughter. Come home. I am angry no more." Truly it was the happiest day of her life—a day of triumph and reconciliation.

She left for Scotland that night. How slowly the train crawled on through the darkness! She could not sleep, and she watched the lighted towns go by one by one until the dawn. Then the train dashed through the misty wilds of Cumberland, past streams and heather and moors, and at last she was in her own land, flying through the Scotch lowlands, thundering across the great Forth bridge, and its rival that spans the broad waters of the Tay. She drew near her home and the scenery became more familiar; every spot she passed was bright with memories of childhood. The train slowed down and stopped. She got out, left her luggage at the station, and walked towards her home.

The stationmaster, after staring at the handsome lady in the magnificent furs, uttered an exclamation and took off his hat. She smiled in return, and made some jest in the fullness of her

SHE POINTED HER SKINNY FINGER.

spirits. He shrugged his shoulders and turned away.

In ten minutes she had reached the house. It looked more old and gray than ever after the brilliance of London. She hammered at the door, waited for a minute or two, and then struck it again and again. Presently faint shuffling footsteps sounded in the hall, the door opened slowly, and Jeannie, the old servant, confronted her. She threw herself on the old woman's neck and kissed her withered cheeks.

"My father," she cried. "Is he well? O, I am so happy, Jeannie." And she tried to pass her, but the old woman stood in the way, the tears rolling down her face.

The girl shivered in her rich sables and stepped back.

"Jeannie, Jeannie, what is it? Let me by!" she cried, and, pushing her aside, she rushed into the dark dining-room, where her father was wont to sit. The oaken chair was empty, but the Bible lay upon the table—open at the book of Ruth. One passage was marked with a blue pencil. It was the verse beginning: "Entreat me not to leave thee." The blue pencil had dropped to the floor.

Jeannie had followed her into the room with tottering steps.

"Where is my father, Jeannie? Does he not expect me?"

"Come awa'; he is not here."

"Not here?"

"He is not here, I tell ye!" shrieked the old woman. "Come awa'," and, clutching hold of the girl, she tried to drag her from the room.

Ruth shook off her feeble hold and turned upon her like a tigress.

"Where is he? What have you done to him?" she cried.

The old woman moaned to herself, then crawled to the window. There was a distinct view of the kirkyard on the side of the purple hill. The setting sun fell on the white stones and they glittered like stars. She pointed her skinny finger in silence and then croaked: "Yonder, yonder, yonder."

The girl looked out, straining her eyes to see the beloved form. When the white stones flashed on her sight the awful truth began to dawn on her.

"Yonder," she muttered, almost unconsciously. Then she broke into a wild laugh and flung herself into her chair. She read the marked passage and laughed again, still more wildly.

"So I killed him, Jeannie, I killed him, and he—how much did he pay you, Jeannie, to do this thing? All his wealth? It is well. It was not too much for a deed like this."

"Stay, missie, stay," she whined, putting her fingers to her ears to shut out the terrible voice. "Ye shall have it a'. I am auld, and the money—I couldna' help it."

"Keep it; it is accursed; I would not touch it if I were starving. But the cross, woman, the cross, the cross of lilies."

"It was his orders," she whimpered. "It was—oh, the puir bairn, the puir bairn."

"It was what?" the girl said, hoarsely, rising from the chair and gripping the old woman by the arm. "Speak out, you old hag, speak!"

"It was from his grave."—Black and White.

—A chicken-stealing trust has been organized in Alameda, Cal. Five Chinamen steal forth at night with dark lanterns to localities where chickens are known to be kept. One of the men, who can imitate a rooster's crow perfectly, sounds his decoy notes, and the responses show just where the game is located and the thieves quickly bag their plunder.

—A German statistician says that of every 10,000 chimneys three are struck by lightning, while of the same number of towers and windmills, 60 and 80, respectively are struck.

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Dress Goods Clearance.

Lower prices on strictly high class goods than we have ever quoted before. We're moving our Spring Novelties—that's the reason. It's early yet to talk of Clearance Sales, but THE BIG STORE sets the pace. Save money by taking advantage of this great Dress Goods Movement.

The balance of our 25, 29 and 35c Fancies in Wool, Mohair and Wool, etc., to close, Yard..... 19c

Our large and varied assortment of Mixtures, Checks and Silk and Wool effects, worth up to 45c. To close..... 29c

40 inch heavy Mixtures, for Bicycle and Outing Suits. This week. Yard..... 49c

20 pieces of black figured Fancies, 46 inches wide. These goods earlier in the season sold at 65c yd. This week, yd..... 44c

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Umbrellas and Parasols.

Special for this week.

75 English Gloria Umbrellas fast colors, 3 inch nickel ferrule. A 75. Umbrella. This week— 43c

Our line of spring and summer parasols is now complete and is without doubt the largest and best ever shown in the city. We invite your inspection.

Corsets Special.

25 Dozen Ladies' Summer Corsets, two wide steels Worth 50c. This week— 31c.

Boy's Hosiery.

For this week—50 dozen Boy's Regale hose, the regular 25c kind, at a pair..... 17c

Ladies' Underwear.

50 dozen Ladies' ribbed Vests, tape arm and neck fine gauge Regular price 10c, this week each 7c

Foster Kid Gloves

Unusual Offer.

10 dozen Genuine Foster Kid Gloves, broken sizes, in black, brown and mode. These gloves always sell for $1.00. While they last..... 63c

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Our Carpet Section.

We are enjoying a phenomenal trade in this department just at present and attribute it solely to the fact that nowhere else is it possible to obtain so much REAL CARPET VALUE for so little money.

Remember that we have over 3600 square feet on the second floor devoted exclusive to the showing and selling of carpets and rugs. In fact ours is by far the most complete and satisfactory Carpet Room in Decatur.

We ask no more than investigation. Come and see our assortment and learn our prices. Your judgment will tell you where to buy.

This week we are having a Special Sale of Straw Matting .....at 5 cents a yard .....

Cheap Reading!

IF THAT IS WHAT IS NEEDED, WE HAVE IT.

500 New Books at..... 5c each
300 New Books at.....10c each
500 New Books at.....20c each

All worth twice the money. Come and see them at

SAXTON'S BOOK STORE.

J. B Bullard,
FUNERAL DIRECTOR.
SYNDICATE BLOCK, NORTH MAIN ST.,

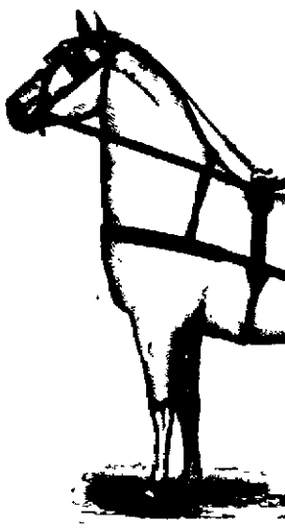
Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention In connection a receiving vault Residence 252 West William street. Residence Telephone 124. Office, 125.

ORIENT INSURANCE CO.,
Hartford, Conn.
WRITES FIRE AND CYCLONE INSURANCE
CAPT. LYTLE, Agent, 147 Merchant Street.

An Eye-o...

★ ★ ★ ★

$16.00 S...
Harness



...$9...

A BARGAIN FOR ...

★ ★ ★ ★

The above cut shows ...
Bargain ever offered in Ha...
ested come and see them...
pass them by.

★ ★ ★ ★

J. G. STA...
Lincoln

NEW SPRING ...
New Spring HATS ...
...Have arri...
GEORGE W. ...
CLOTHING ...
...NEW STORE—159 ...
Formerly Occupied ...

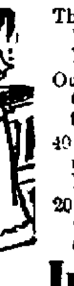
VALUE ...
—For Thi...
Shirt Waists ...
Negligee Shirts, ...
and ...

H. C. ...
DECATUR ...

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

Goods Clearance.

prices on strictly high class goods than we quoted before. We're moving our Spring —that's the reason. It's early yet to talk of Sales, but THE BIG STORE sets the pace. y by taking advantage of this great Dress vement.



The balance of our 25, 29 and 35c Fancies in Wool, Mohair and Wool, etc., to close, Yard............ **19c**

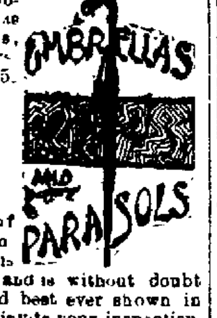
Our large and varied assortment of Mixtures, Checks and Silk and Wool effects, worth up to 45c. To close............ **29c**

40 inch heavy Mixtures, for Bicycle and Out-ing Suits. This week. Yard............ **49c**

20 pieces of black figured Fancies, 46 inches wide. These goods earlier in the season sold at 65c yd. This week, yd............ **44c**

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

ellas and ols.
for this week.



and is without doubt d best ever shown in icvite your inspection.

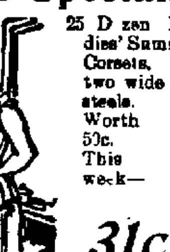
Boy's Hosiery.

For this week—50 dozen Boy's Bicycle hose, the regular 25c kind, at a pair............ **17c**

Ladies' Under-wear.

50 dozen Ladies' ribbed Vests, tape arm and neck fine gauge Regular price 10c, this week each **7c**

s Special.



25 Dozen Ladies' Summer Corsets, two wide steels. Worth 50c. This week— **31c.**

Foster Kid Gloves

Unusual Offer.

10 dozen Genuine Foster Kid Gloves, broken sizes, in black, brown and mode. These gloves always sell for $1.00. While they last............ **63c**

LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

arpet n.

joying a phenomenal epartment just at pres ute it solely to the fact else is it possible to ob h REAL CARPET o little money.

that we have over 3600 the second floor devot- o the showing and sel- s and rugs. In fact ours most complete and satis- t Room in Decatur)

more than investigation. Come and see our assortment and s. Your judgment will tell you where to buy.

we are having a Special Sale of Straw Matting ......at 8 cents a yard .....

eap Reading !

AT IS WHAT IS NEEDED, WE HAVE IT.

v Books at............ 5c each
v Books at............10c each
v Books at............20c each

th twice the money. Come and see them at

TON'S BOOK STORE.

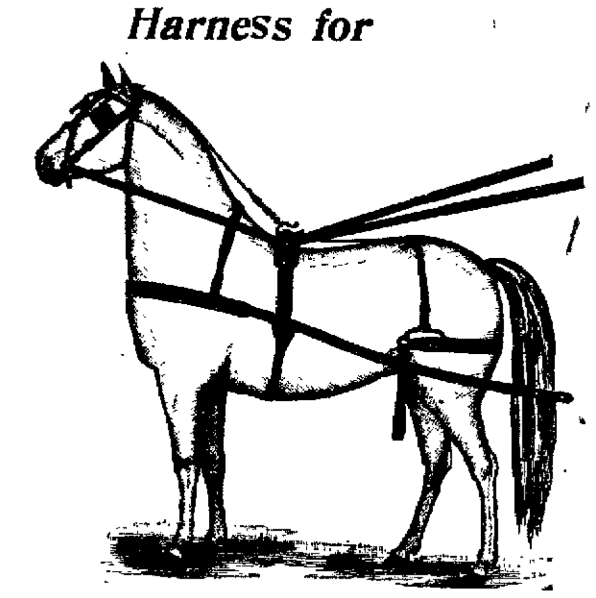
Bullard,
FUNERAL DIRECTOR.
NDICATE BLOCK, NORTH MAIN ST.,
pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving vault t William street. Residence Telephone 132. Office, 125.

T INSURANCE CO.,
Hartford, Conn.
WRITES FIRE AND CYCLONE INSURANCE.
T. LYTLE, Agent, 147 Merchant Street.

An Eye-opener

* * * * * * * * *

$16.00 Single Strap Harness for



...$9.75...

A BARGAIN FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

* * * * * * * * *

The above cut shows the harness. The Biggest Bargain ever offered in Harness. If you are interested come and see them. You cannot afford to pass them by.

* * * * * * * * * *

J. G. STARR & SON,
Lincoln Square.

NEW SPRING SUITS,

New Spring **HATS AND CAPS**

...Have arrived at the...

GEORGE W. JONES CLOTHING HOUSE

....NEW STORE—159 EAST MAIN STREET....
Formerly Occupied by the "Fair Store."

VALUE SPECIAL

—For This Week—

Shirt Waists and Corsets.

Negligee Shirts, Socks, Underwear and Ties.

H. C. Anthony
DECATUR, ILL.

PICKING UP A CABLE END.

A Delicate Operation Performed in Rough Weather.

A novel method of lifting a buoyed cable end is described by a writer in a London paper. He states that this method has the important advantage of being free from all usual risks to boat and boat's crew, and was successfully adopted on a recent important cable-laying expedition, when the weather was too rough to even allow of a boat being lowered without danger to the men. On this occasion the modus operandi was as follows: The ship, a vessel of some 3,500 tons (gross), paid out 200 fathoms of buoy rope, with a centipede grapnel attached to the end of it, the depth of water being 2,800 fathoms, and steamed round the buoy at a distance of about 50 fathoms until the centipede and rope became entangled, as they very soon did, with the buoy moorings, which were then hauled into the bight and the buoy then cleared from the bow baulks. By this means not only was the end of the cable readily brought on board without risk and with very little trouble, but several days of valuable time, which would otherwise have been lost in waiting for the weather to moderate sufficiently, were saved and the cable was successfully completed. With vessels of smaller dimensions, such as those usually employed for cable repairs, this operation would, no doubt, be still more easily effected. A French telegraph engineer has the credit of being the first to suggest and practically apply this ingenious and novel idea, which is to be commended to the notice of those who are engaged more particularly in submarine cable laying and repairing work.

FISHING FOR SPONGES.

An Expert Is Poorly Paid and Always Suffers from Rheumatism.

Lying on his chest along the boat's deck, the sponge fisher, with his water-glass—a pane set in a box fitted with handles—looks down 40 feet into the clear depths, says Pearson's Weekly. With one hand he grasps and sinks a slender pole, sometimes 50 feet in length, fitted at the end with a double hook. The sponge once discovered, the hook is deftly inserted at the rocky base, and by a sudden jerk the sponge is detached.

This curt description of what seems the simple work of sponge fishing gives no idea of the real skill and exertion needed. The eye of the fisher has to be trained by long experience to peer into the sea and tell the commercially valuable sponge from those that are worthless. He must have a deft hand to detach the sponge without a tear.

Above all, while doing this with one hand, he must manipulate with the other the water glass, as the waves sway it sideways and up and down. The strain on eye and body is most intense, to say nothing of the cramped position and exposure to wind and wet, which, first and last, make almost every sponge fisher a victim of acute rheumatism. Yet, with all his arduous toil, an expert fisher earns not more than three pounds sterling a month, besides his "keep" on the boat, which barely deserves the name of existence.

HUGE MUSKRATS.

Invade a Town, and Citizens Are Forced to Fight Them Off.

Residents of Waltham are in terror of their lives because of the prevalence of muskrats of a huge size about the streets. These rats, says a Boston correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald, are supposed to come from a number of old drains about the city, in which they breed, and sally out at night to attack peaceful pedestrians.

Early one morning lately Conductor W. F. Phelps, of the Fitchburg railroad, was coming down the railroad track and was attacked by a large rat, which tried to fasten its teeth in the conductor's leg. The latter drew his revolver and fired two shots into the rat before it was killed.

A few nights ago Dr. Fred M. Stiles had a death struggle with a rat which lay in wait for him in front of his house on Moody street. Dr. Stiles picked up a barrel stave in self-defense, and hit the rat with it as it rushed at him, but it broke short off in his hand and the animal sprang at him again and again until it was finally stunned by a lucky blow. It was as large as a grown cat and had teeth two inches long.

But the nerviest attack was made upon a patrolman. A rat jumped on him and climbed up his leg, biting him all the while. The policeman drew his club, and, after a hard struggle, succeeded in beating off the animal.

Questions and Answers.

The following answers are guaranteed by a Philadelphia paper to have been made at the graduation exercises of one of the leading grammar schools of Boston:

"Name a fruit which has its seed on the outside." "A seed cake."

"Name six animals of the Arctic zone." "Three polar bears and three seals."

"What are the last teeth that come to a man." "False teeth."

"What is yeast?" "Yeast is a vegetable flying about in the air, hitching itself on to anything."

"Name and locate the five senses." "The eyes are in the northern part of the face, and the mouth in the southern."

"Explain 'flinch' and use it in a sentence." "Flinch, to shrink. Flannel flinches when it is washed."

The Handy X-Ray.

The Roentgen rays are now applied by silk experts to distinguish male from female cocoons by taking a picture of the chrysalis inside the cocoon. It is known that the male cocoon gives much more silk than the female one. The eggs inside the female chrysalis are not so easily penetrated by the rays as the rest of the chrysalis and stand out distinctly in a photograph. Thus the cocoons can be selected according to their value.

TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, MAY 4TH, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level prairie, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one and can take exchange in on some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange business; have land to exchange for stocks of goods goods to exchange for lands. In fact can fit you with almost any kind of a trade in Texas and elsewhere. Railroad fare refunded to all purchasers of land. In fact we do this without advertising the same. Write us or call and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ills.
BOLEN & LANNING.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.
F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, O.
Sold by Druggists, 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds. at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—jan 29-d&wtf

The National Shoe company of Chicago has started a factory at Potomac. The citizens of the town paid for the removal of the plant from Chicago.

Did You Ever

Try Eectric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all Female Complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have Loss of Appetite, Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, or are Nervous, Sleepess, Excitable, Melancholy or troubled with Dizzy Spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and Strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and $1.00 at West's Drug Store.

Marriage Licenses.

William F. Meacham, Sullivan, 32.
Sue E. Caine, Sullivan, 22.
J. H. Burhans, Decatur, 24.
Myrtle A. Mills, Decatur, 20.

Crystal Lake park in Urbana is being dredged out in the shallow places and new seats, boats, etc., provided to enhance the attractions of this favorite resort.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.

Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief in all cases. H. W Bell, N. L. Krone.

Seed Distribution.

New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—9-dw&tf

The owners of the elevator that burned recently at Farmer City have just received $4000 insurance money and will rebuild in time to handle the next crop.

KIDNEY DISEASES are the most fatal of all diseases. Foley's Kidney Cure a guaranteed remedy or money refunded. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Big Bargains.

An assortment of tapestry Brussels carpets may be had this week at Bradley Bros., at 44c per yard.—24d-1w

If you want any plastering telephone 598 new phone and it will be promptly done. Decatur Hard Plaster Co., Perry & Oren.—23-d1w-w1t

Did you feel the wind blow? Kuny, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance. 124 North Main.—1-d1m.

OUR SPECIALTIES.

The best 2½c Prints.
The best 3½c Prints.
The best 5c Prints.
The best 10c Jaconet.
The best 8, 10 and 12½c Plaids.
The best 4½c Scotch Lawn.
The best 5c 36-in. Brown Muslin.
The best 20, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 50c Dress Goods and Suitings.
The best bargains in all kinds of Black and Colored Silks.
We have a few extra special bargains in Staple Dress Goods bought at 40c on the dollar that we are cleaning out at 20, 25 and 30c—worth a great deal more.
The best Black Hose at 9c, 12½c and 15c ever shown in Decatur.

—***—

In our Millinery Department we simply excel—competition not in it. Our styles, our prices, our exquisite and artistic workmanship unapproachable.

—***—

You are cordially invited to call. Prices moderate and in keeping with the times.

S. G. HATCH & BRO.,
151 EAST MAIN ST.

At JOHNSTON'S
Wednesday's Special Sale.

Shirt Waists.
A special Waist with separate collar and cuffs at 49c, worth 75c.

Capes.
All our Capes to be closed out regardless of cost.
$5.00 Capes at $3 50.
$3.50 Capes at $2.48.

Skirts.
25 Assorted Patterns Dress Skirts worth $2.50, $3.50 and $4.00 on sale at $1.98 each.

Shoes.
Ladies' Oxford Shoes, the $1.50 quality at 98c, in Tans, Blacks and Ox Bloods.

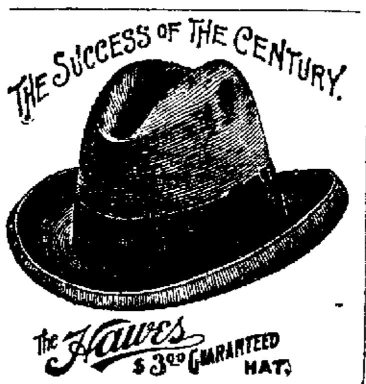
We do Dress Making of all kinds, Cape Making and Skirt Making.

Muslin Underwear.
$1 50 quality Gowns at only 98c.
75c quality Drawers at 49c.
35c quality Drawers at 25c.

Dress Goods.
All our 60c, 65c and 75c quality of New Spring Dress Goods to be sold at 39c and 48c yd.

Bargains.
Ladies' Vests, taped necks, at 5c.
Ladies' Dark Calico Unlaundered Waists at 15c.
Boys' 50c Percale Waists at 25c.
Ladies' 50c White Aprons at 25c.
Lot of Ladies' $1.50 Shoes to go at 75c.
Chatelaine Bags, 50c kind, at 25c.
Lot Fancy Tie Ribbons, 50c kind at 29c.
Window Shades, 25c kind, at 15c.
Window Shades, 40c kind, 25c.
Children's Jackets at 98c each.

Chas. T. Johnston's
151 North Water Street.



HATS

of all kinds, colors, shapes, and prices. NEW SPRING HATS that will fit both your head and purse.

The "Cuban" and "Geisha" —two of the latest. Let us show them to you.

A new, complete and exceptionally well assorted line of attire for little fellows from 3 to 8, made up in Juniors, Vestee, Sailor and Reefer style, of all the new fabrics, running in price

....FROM $2.25 TO $5.00....

This department of ours appeals particularly to mothers, and is entitled to their earnest consideration.

OUR NEW SPRING STOCK IS NOW IN.

New Novelties in MEN'S SUITS.

The RIGHT kind. Right in fit, in material, in style, in general make-up, but particularly right in PRICE. We are showing an exceedingly swell line of Spring Shirts and Neckwear. We will appreciate a call.

B. STINE CLOTHING COMPANY.

245-249 NORTH WATER STREET.
NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS......

The Newest and Latest !

—Our new stock of—

Leather Belts and Shirt Waist Sets.

New, Stylish and Low Priced. See them.

W. R. Abbott & Co.,
JEWELERS.

NewspaperARCHIVE®.com

Race Clothing Mfg Co.

Something that will Interest you.

Men, Boys and Children who want to be DRESSED RIGHT.

Men's Fancy Scotch Suits.
In all the latest colors at $8.00 and $10. All wool.

Men's Spring OVERCOATS
In Covert and English Whipcord; in Box Coats, Tailor made garment, $10, $12, $15 $18. GOING FAST.

Men's Imported Fancy Mixtures Suits.
$10, $12, $14 and $15. Well worth 20 per cent. more.

Youths' Suits,
14 to 19 years, in all the latest styles and patterns, **$4.00 to $12.00.** You cannot match them for the price.

Men's Clay Worsted Suits,
In Sack and Frock for $10. Others will not match the same for less than $12.

Boys' Knee Pants Suits.
THAT FIT—Stylish made —$1.00, $1.50, $2.50 --

Men's Blue and Black Cheviot Suits.
$8.00 to $15. Very Dressy, well made and trimmed.

Child's Suits,
Vestes Styles, Juniors, in all the latest styles. PRICE BEDROCK.

The Newest Styles in Hats, Caps, Neckwear and Shirts...

Race Clothing M'fg Co.,

135 North Water Street.

GOT IT?

FOUR-C

ANNIHILATES

LA GRIPPE.

GOT A COLD?

Try **Phelps' Four-C Cough Remedy.**

WE GUARANTEE 4-C TO GIVE ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION IN GRIP, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, CROUP, COUGHS AND COLDS.

For sale by Armstrong Bros., C. F. Shilling and W. H. Hubbard

OLD EMPEROR AND NEW.

William the Grandfather Contradicts William the Grandson.

The last "Bismarck Year Book" sheds a rather peculiar light upon the young emperor's recent speech about the men who were "mere instruments" in the hands of his grandfather when Germany was unified. It contains several letters, hitherto unpublished, from Emperor William I., to his chancellor. If these letters show anything, they show the fullness of gratitude felt by the monarch toward the man who had made him great. Again and again the old man manifested his thankfulness to Bismarck, his confidence in him, and his modesty in yielding to him all the credit for the achievements that made the present empire a possibility.

The farewell words in some of the letters are: "God be with you. Your William;" "Your truly devoted William;" "Your thankful king, William;" "Your truly devoted and thankful William." In a birthday letter, written on April 1, 1881, the emperor apologized for not offering congratulations in person; he was ill, otherwise he would have called to see the man "whose creative genius" had evolved and carried out "so many vast plans." Writing in 1882 the old man spoke of the labor receipts, the prototype of the young emperor's labor receipts, as "Bismarck's own exclusive work." In 1888 he referred to Bismarck as the one "who wrought out and guided the mighty events that led to the glorious peace" of Frankfort.

In every letter the old emperor inquired after Bismarck's health, not perfunctorily, but with an earnest solicitude and affection which are pathetic in their simple honesty. It is doubtful if the contrast between the modest honesty of the grandfather and the pompous presumption of the grandson could be marked more clearly than it is by the publication of these letters immediately after William II.'s last speech.—N. Y. Sun.

A LUCKY MISTAKE.

It Resulted in a Most Happy Reconciliation.

"You've heard of a cripple being beaten with his own crutch," remarked the man who has reached that degree of fortune which imposes nothing more arduous than the clipping of coupons and the collection of rents. "Something very like that happened me when I first went to Denver at the time things were humming there. I was doing well and always have been a good deal of a crank in the matter of dress. My clothes had to be made at the highest-priced establishment and my footwear at the fanciest shoemaker's. I had fallen in love with the daughter of one of the wealthiest citizens and she reciprocated.

"One eventful evening I called on the stern father to gain his consent with the possibility of a blessing thrown in. I found him smoking on a rustic bench in the shade and saw in his comfort a harbinger of good tidings. But he was hot-headed. I was partly independent and the interview terminated by his kicking me across about an acre of lawn to the sidewalk.

"I was so humiliated that I began arrangements for leaving town at once. Among other things I called at the shoemaker's for a pair of fine boots with kid tops and patent-leather trimmings. After the proprietor had searched for a time he suddenly shoved his glasses up, looked foolish and said: 'Silverton must have your boots. He called for his the other evening when I was busy and I just pointed to this corner where the two pairs stood together.'

"Silverton was the man I had honored by asking him to be my father-in-law. I hastened to his residence to have those boots or another row. The old fellow was so nearly tickled to death with having kicked me off the premises with my own boot that he looked me up and gave me his daughter."—Detroit Free Press.

Cycling on the Rand.

The cycling craze has just captured South Africa. About two years ago a few unconservative women wheeled through the streets of Capetown, shocking a community which is very tenacious of its traditions. These adventurous females made no impression upon their fellows, and enjoyed spinning along through the beautiful scenery alone. A recent traveler describes the roads and lanes as most attractive, bordered by stately trees, where you hear the birds twittering in the trees and at the same time the soft splash and subdued roar of the waves that break with the incoming tide. Although the attractions of the suburbs of Capetown, Port Elizabeth, Durban and the other colonial villages of the cape invite this healthful pleasure cycling has made no progress. Quite opposed to this conservative idea regarding bicycling for women the "Dark Continent" is not exempt from the influence of the wheel.—N. Y. Sun.

A Queer Fact About Vision.

In the eye itself certain things may go on which give us wrong sensations, which, although not truly illusions, are very much like them. Thus, when we suddenly strike our heads or faces against something in the dark, we see "stars," or bright sparks, which we know are not real lights, though they are quite as bright and sparkling as if they were. When we close one eye and look straight ahead at some word or letter in the middle of this page, for example, we seem to see not only the thing we are looking at, but everything else immediately about it and for a long way on each side. But the truth is there is a large round spot, some where near the point at which we are looking, in which we see nothing. — Chicago Times-Herald.

So Many of Them, You Know.

Mrs. Vansock (laying aside book) — This writer does not approve of young ladies kissing gentlemen to whom they are engaged.

Vansock—Well, I don't believe in indiscriminate kissing myself!—Brooklyn Eagle.

Condensed Testimony.

Charles B. Hood, Broker and Manufacturer's Agent, Columbus, Ohio, certifies that Dr. King's New Discovery has no equal as a cough remedy. J. D. Brown, proprietor St. James Hotel, Ft. Wayne, Ind., testifies that he was cured of a cough of two years' standing, caused by la grippe, by Dr. King's New Discovery. B. F. Merrill, Baldwinsville, Mass., says that he has used and recommended it and never knew it to fail and would rather have it than any doctor because it always cures. Mrs. Hemming, 222 E. 25th street, Chicago, always keeps it on hand and has no fear of Croup, because it instantly relieves. At West's drug store.

Thomas Blackerby, of Paris, the inventor of the Blackerby nut lock, which is used by railroads, has sold his patent to Chicago firm for $20,000 cash and will in addition get a royalty of 50 cents a thousand.

A Life for 50c.

Many people have been cured of Kidney diseases by taking a 50c bottle of Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The board of supervisors of Peoria county recently appropriated $2500 to gravel or macadamize two roads leading from the city to the insane hospital and to Prospect heights, respectively.

Unconditional surrender, is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

S. S. Smith, who last fall was the president of the Railway Men's Sound Money club of Peoria, is to be appointed by Gov. Tanner to the position of humane officer of that city.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWit's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Two Arcola young men have established a duck farm. They start with 150 white ducks and expect to derive revenue from the sale of feathers.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis, and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The grain business of the late W. W. Gilbert at Danforth was sold to Kohl & Eden, of Danforth, who will continue the business.

When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung and throat troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Work has been begun on the new Bradley Polytechnic Institute at Peoria.

A Queer (?) Medicine.

There is a medicine whose proprietors do not claim to have discovered some hitherto unknown ingredient, or that it is a cure-all. This honest medicine only claims to cure certain diseases, and that its ingredients are recognized by the most skilled physicians as being the best for Kidney and Bladder Diseases. It is Foley's Kidney Cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Forty-seven men from Pekin enlisted in the Eighth Missouri regiment, and, very remarkably, not one of them is living there at the present time.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

A 4 year-old son of Eli Carl, of Plainview, was playing in a field where they were burning stalks, when his clothes took fire and he was fatally burned.

PERSONAL—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Henry Shafer, a farmer living near Postum, has just died from injuries received in a runaway.

A Beacon of Hope

To those afflicted with Kidney or Bladder Diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A few open cars were put on the lines of the Peoria street railway on Monday, for the first time this season.

Not only acute lung troubles, which may prove fatal in a few days, but old chronic coughs and throat troubles may receive immediate relief and be permanently cured by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

The Central Union telephone company will extend its copper metallic circuit from Springfield to Jacksonville and Winchester.

Have You Had the Grip?

If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough incidental to this disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Peoria is assuming metropolitan airs, a city ambulance complete having been recently added to the municipal outfit.

It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will speedily cure piles of the longest standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Many Men

Have eyes, but see not!
Have ears, but hear not!

Use your senses and concentrate your mental faculties in buying your CLOTHING.

Give our New Spring Line

your most careful scrutiny.

Your Eyes will See

the most thoroughly made and artistic production of

Men's, Boys' and Children's Dress-up Clothing

that was ever before conceived.

Your Ears will Hear

the most favorable commendations and tributes of praise from patrons who have given our clothing a trial, and who have looked to us for the best.

Your Own Judgment

will discover the moderate prices we are asking.

Cheap Charley,

The Reliable Clothier.

Rare Chance!

All the sick especially those who have thrown away their money on doctors who have done them no good, will hail with joy the announcement that

DRS. APPLEMAN & PRETTYMAN,

The Famous Specialists,

Are to Visit Decatur

TUESDAY, MAY 4TH, 1897.

At the ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL. (9 a. m to 9 p. m.)

DRS. APPLEMAN & PRETTYMAN are famous, not so much for their great, humane treatment alone, as for the vast number of marvelous cures which they have performed. It is the results which count. Drs. Appleman & Prettyman are graduates of those storehouses of medical learning, the Bellevue Hospital Medical College and College of Physicians and Surgeons, of New York City and on this basis foundation of fundamental education they have builded a mighty reputation as great physicians—the noblest of all professions.

After taking special courses in the greatest hospitals of New York, Philadelphia and Boston, and spending years in practice and research, Drs. Appleman & Prettyman have become the founders of a new, rational and painless treatment for

Eye and Ear Diseases,
Chronic Catarrh,
Nervous Diseases,
Deafness,
Alleged Consumption,
and all manner of
CHRONIC DISEASES,

including Dyspepsia, affections of the Heart, Liver and Kidneys, Hemorrhoids, Diseases of Women, Etc. Dr. Appleman is especially successful in his treatment of

DISEASES OF MEN.

If there is anyone in this world who deserves sympathy and help it is the man who is leading a life of mental and physical misery as a result of the reckless transgression of Nature's laws in youth, or careless associations in later life, associations through which he has contracted ailments which are steadily sapping his brain power and perhaps his life. Dr. Appleman gives

CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT.

A kind that permanently cures, to sufferers from Stricture, Varicocele, Spermatorrhœa, Impotency, Syphilis, Seminal Weakness, etc. Dr Prettyman makes a specialty of

DISEASES OF WOMEN,

Such as Bearing Down Pains, Leucorrhœa, Barrenness Weak Back, Painful or Suppressed Menstruation, and all other affections of this character promptly cured by Dr. Prettyman's new method. The embarrassing features of local treatment are done away with in this advanced system of doctoring. He treats all

CHRONIC DISEASES.

Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Liver, Bowels and Bladder.

Fees Charged will be Merely Nominal.

Consultation and Examination Free.

Correspondence Solicited. Address 573 E. 43d St., Chicago.

AN ENGLISH VIEW POINT.

The German Emperor Seen Through British Eyes.

Europe is suffering just now from the individuality rather than from the policy of the German emperor. He is displaying a character with which it is most difficult for diplomatists to deal and which is not entirely consistent with his earlier career. The habit of ruling and the success or rather the absence of resistance which in internal affairs has so far distinguished his reign have developed the emperor's peculiarities in a most marked degree. He had always a sufficient belief in himself, as he showed in his dismissal of Prince Bismarck, but of late this belief has become exaggerated into a confidence scarcely to be distinguished from presumption. He seems capable of thanking God for a great harvest and sending Him the Order of the Red Eagle in acknowledgment.

Even his own subjects, who were at first disposed by tradition and habit of mind to welcome another "strong" Hohenzollern, now shake their heads and lament that their kaiser, who is also their commander in chief, acts so completely under the impulse of his own will. They never know what he will do to-morrow. There is no ruling statesman now visible in Germany, for the chancellor is old and deferential, the minister of war accepts instead of advising orders, the finance minister (Dr. Miquel) is a highly intelligent, exceptionally intelligent, instrument of his majesty, and Baron von Marschall, as recent trials proved, though very able and fairly trusted, has to contend against many adverse influences. The emperor is all in all, he is more determined than ever to play the first role in the political drama and as his claim is entirely acknowledged within his own dominions, where to speak lightly of his majesty now involves a sort of civil death, he extends it to all Europe and, indeed, to all the world. It is to be lord of a "world-wide empire" that the emperor demands, or threatens to demand, from his parliament such vast additions to the navy.

Naturally, holding such a position, his jealousy of Great Britain, the only world-wide power, has grown excessive, overmastering a personal liking for England and the English court; and, naturally also, revolutionary ideas, which are floating about in a half-developed way all through Germany, appear to him almost impieties. "The revolution" is to William II. what "clericalism" is to many French radicals—the enemy. It is his business, he thinks, as the first of kings, to protect the rights of sovereigns, though he is an emperor because his grandfather crushed dynasties, some of them older than his own, by the half dozen, and he cannot bear to see the "sovereign rights" even of a sultan of Turkey interfered with. Suppose Abdul-Hamid has massacred Armenians? They were his own subjects and were almost in rebellion. Is that any reason why he should lose without a war the right of garrisoning his own dominions? His dignity must at all events be preserved and those who have affronted it by invading Crete must be humiliated, even if they are not punished. They are close relatives of the emperor, but that is an additional reason for giving an example to the world, for have they not been false to their order in invading, from motives which at bottom are desperate, sacred sovereign rights?—London Spectator.

A LIVING FLY TRAP.

One Old Alligator That Caught About a Million, More or Less, at a Time.

"The big alligator in our menagerie," the old circus man said, "didn't always take his feed very well. Sometimes he wouldn't open his mouth at feeding times and then we had to resort to strategy. Alligators are very sensitive about the nose. When this alligator wouldn't open his mouth we used to rub the top of his nose very gently. That would always make him mad, and he'd throw back his upper jaw like a collar door on hinges. Then we'd throw a chunk of beef, maybe five pounds or so down his throat, and down would come the collar door shut again and he would swallow the beef. In that way we used to give him about 25 pounds at a feeding without much difficulty.

"The old alligator was very fond of flies. You might think that a fly would be pretty small game for a 12-foot alligator, and one fly would be; but this old alligator would throw his upper jaw back and go to sleep, apparently. Flies would light round inside the alligator's mouth just the same as they would anywhere outdoors, and when there was about a million there the alligator would shut his upper jaw down with the flies inside. Pretty soon he'd throw the collar door back and set the trap again.

"I've often thought that alligators would make good fly traps for houses. Of course you'd want to keep any small children, there might be in the house, from them, but if you'd look out for that I should think they'd be great. I reckon that about four 12-foot alligators would keep a moderate-sized house free of flies all summer without the least trouble."—N. Y. Sun.

The King of Spain's Guard.

One of the most curious customs in connection with the court of Spain is the inspection which is made for the safety of the sovereign at night. The chambers of the little king, and, indeed, the entire palace, are watched throughout the night by a picked body of men, bound by traditions to be natives of the town of Espinosa, and to have served with honor in the army. Those who lock the palace gates, with much ceremony and solemnity, at eight and who open them again at seven o'clock in the morning. Their attachment to the person of the sovereign is as traditional as their strange and ancient privileges.—N. Y. World.

A "mummified man" with a skin like parchment, and hardly an ounce of flesh on his body, is astonishing people with his [illegible]

...ny Men

Have eyes, but see not!
Have ears, but hear not!

...ses and concentrate your mental faculties in ... CLOTHING.

...ur New Spring Line

...refnl scrutiny.

...es will See

the most thoroughly made and artistic production of

Men's, Boys' and Children's Dress-up Clothing

that was ever before conceived.

...rs will Hear

the most favorable commendations and tributes of praise from patrons who have given our clothing a trial, and who have looked to us for the best.

...n Judgment

will discover the moderate prices we are asking.

...ap Charley,
The Reliable Clothier.

...e Chance!

...ly those who have thrown away their money on doctors who have done them no good, will hail with joy the announcement that

...PPLEMAN & PRETTYMAN,

The Famous Specialists,

Are to Visit Decatur

...SDAY, MAY 4TH, 1897.

...T. NICHOLAS HOTEL. (9 a. m to 9 p. m.)

...AN & PRETTYMAN ...much for their great hu... ...e, as for the vast number ...hich they have performed, ...h count. Drs. Appleman & ...ates of those storehouses of ...Bellevue Hospital Medical ...f Physicians and Surgeons, ...d on this basis foundation ...ation they have builded a ... as great physicians—the ...tions. ...ial courses in the greatest ...rk, Philadelphia and Bos... ...years in practice and re... ...an & Prettyman have be... ...a new, rational and pain...

...seases, Catarrh, ...ervous Diseases, Deafness, Consumption, ...ll manner of ...C DISEASES, ...affections of the Heart, ...Hemorrhoids, Diseases of

Women, Etc. Dr. Appleman is especially successful in his treatment of

DISEASES OF MEN.

If there is anyone in this world who deserves sympathy and help it is the man who is leading a life of mental and physical misery as a result of the reckless transgression of Nature's laws in youth, or careless associations in later life, associations through which he has contracted ailments which are steadily sapping his brain power and perhaps his life. Dr. Appleman gives

CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT,

A kind that permanently cures, to sufferers from Stricture, Varicocele, Spermatorrhoea, Impotency, Syphilis, Seminal Weakness, etc. Dr. Prettyman makes a specialty of

DISEASES OF WOMEN,

Such as Bearing Down Pains, Leucorrhoea, Barrenness Weak Back, Painful or Suppressed Menstruation, and all other affections of this character promptly cured by Dr. Prettyman's new method. The embarrassing features of local treatment are done away with in this advanced system of doctoring. He treats all

CHRONIC DISEASES.

Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, Lungs, Heart, Stomach, Liver, Bowels and Bladder.

...s Charged will be Merely Nominal.

...tation and Examination Free.

...ce Solicited. Address 573 E. 43d St., Chicago.

AN ENGLISH VIEW POINT.

The German Emperor Seen Through British Eyes.

Europe is suffering just now from the individuality rather than from the policy of the German emperor. He is displaying a character with which it is most difficult for diplomatists to deal and which is not entirely consistent with his earlier career. The habit of ruling and the success or rather the absence of resistance which in internal affairs has so far distinguished his reign have developed the emperor's peculiarities in a most marked degree. He had always a sufficient belief in himself, as he showed in his dismissal of Prince Bismarck, but of late this belief has become exaggerated into a confidence scarcely to be distinguished from presumption. He seems capable of thanking God for a great harvest and sending Him the Order of the Red Eagle in acknowledgment.

Even his own subjects, who were at first disposed by tradition and habit of mind to welcome another "strong" Hohenzollern, now shake their heads and lament that their kaiser, who is also their commander in chief, acts so completely under the impulse of his own will. They never know what he will do tomorrow. There is no ruling statesman now visible in Germany, for the chancellor is old and deferential, the minister of war accepts instead of advising orders, the finance minister (Dr. Miquel) is a highly intelligent, exceptionally intelligent, instrument of his majesty, and Baron von Marschall, as recent trials proved, though very able and fairly trusted, has to contend against many adverse influences. The emperor is all in all, he is more determined than ever to play the first role in the political drama and as his claim is entirely acknowledged within his own dominions, where to speak lightly if his majesty now involves a sort of civil death, he extends it to all Europe and, indeed, to all the world. It is to be lord of a "world-wide empire" that the emperor demands, or threatens to demand, from his parliament such vast additions to the navy.

Naturally, holding such a position, his jealousy of Great Britain, the only world-wide power, has grown excessive, overmastering a personal liking for England and the English court; and, naturally also, revolutionary ideas, which are floating about in a half-developed way all through Germany, appear to him almost impieties. "The revolution" is to William II. what "clericalism" is to many French radicals—the enemy. It is his business, he thinks, as the first of kings, to protect the rights of sovereigns, though he is an emperor because his grandfather crushed dynasties, some of them older than his own, by the half dozen, and he cannot bear to see the "sovereign rights" even of a sultan of Turkey interfered with. Suppose Abdul-Hamid has massacred Armenians? They were his own subjects and were almost in rebellion. Is that any reason why he should lose without a war the right of garrisoning his own dominions? His dignity must at all events be preserved and those who have affronted it by invading Crete must be humiliated, even if they are not punished. They are close relatives of the emperor, but that is an additional reason for giving an example to the world, for have they not been false to their order in invading, from motives which at bottom are democratic, sacred sovereign rights?—London Spectator.

A LIVING FLY TRAP.

One Old Alligator That Caught About a Million, More or Less, at a Time.

"The big alligator in our menagerie," the old circus man said, "didn't always take his feed very well. Sometimes he wouldn't open his mouth at feeding times and then we had to resort to strategy. Alligators are very sensitive about the nose. When this alligator wouldn't open his mouth we used to rub the top of his nose very gently. That would always make him mad, and he'd throw back his upper jaw like a cellar door on hinges. Then we'd throw a chunk of beef, maybe five pounds or so, down his throat, and down would come the cellar door shut again and he would swallow the beef. In that way we used to give him about 25 pounds at a feeding without much difficulty.

"This old alligator was very fond of flies. You might think that a fly would be pretty small game for a 12-foot alligator, and one fly would be; but this old alligator would throw his upper jaw back and go to sleep, apparently. Flies would light round inside the alligator's mouth just the same as they would anywhere outdoors, and when there was about a million there the alligator would shut his upper jaw down with the flies inside. Pretty soon he'd throw the cellar door back and set the trap again.

"I've often thought that alligators would make good fly traps for houses. Of course you'd want to keep any small children there might be in the house away from them, but if you'd look out for that I should think they'd be great. I should say that about four 12-foot alligators would keep a moderate-sized house free of flies all summer without the least trouble."—N. Y. Sun.

The King of Spain's Guard.

One of the most curious customs in connection with the court of Spain is the provision which is made for the safety of the sovereign at night. The slumbers of the little king, and, indeed, the entire palace, are watched throughout the night by a picked body of men, who are bound by tradition to be natives of the town of Espinosa, and to have served with honor in the army. It is they who lock the palace gates, with much ceremony and solemnity, at midnight and who open them again at seven o'clock in the morning. Their fidelity to the person of the sovereign is as traditional as their strange and ancient privileges.—N. Y. World.

—A "mummified man" with a skin like parchment, and hardly an ounce of flesh on his body, is astonishing Paris with his heavy weight-lifting feats.

Death robs a man not only of his life, but all too frequently of the remnant of his fortune, that ill-health has left him. When a man gets out of sorts, he is unfitted for work or business. When a man's liver doesn't work right, neither will his brain or hands work right. He fumbles both with his hands and with his brain. If he doesn't rest up a bit, and take a course of the right medicine, that man's fortune will begin to slip through his fingers because of bad judment or poor work. He will steadily grow worse until consumption or some fatal nervous malady overtakes him. Then will come death and it will not take the administrators long to wipe out the balance of his fortune.

When a man is out of sorts, it pays him to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It braces up the nerves. It makes the appetite keen and hearty, and the digestion perfect. It sets the torpid liver to work. It fills the arteries with rich, pure blood and builds firm flesh and strong muscles, healthy nerve fibers and active brain cells. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption, catarrh, bronchitis and lingering coughs. Thousands have testified to these facts. Honest dealers don't urge inferior substitutes for greater profit.

"About fifteen years ago," writes J. M. McMichael, Editor of the Plattsburg (Mo.) Leader, "I was in very poor health. I had no appetite, was sluggish, and so lifeless it seemed impossible for me to do anything that required effort. Every fall and spring this ill-health seemed to affect me particularly. A friend advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I weighed at the time about 125 pounds. I used several bottles, and upon quitting it weighed 175 pounds. Since that time my weight has varied from 175 to 195 pounds."

Constipation and a bilious attack go hand-in-hand. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are a sure and speedy cure for constipation and torpid liver. They are tiny, sugar-coated granules. One little "Pellet" is a gentle laxative and two a mild cathartic. They never gripe. Nothing else is "just as good."

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY,

In the Circuit Court to the June Term, A. D. 1897.

Miles K. Young, Receiver of the Illinois Building and Loan Association, of Bloomington, Illinois, vs. E. M. Weygandt, William L. Johnson and Albert T. Summers. In Chancery, No. 15 705.

Affidavit that E. M. Weygandt, one of the defendants above named, is a non-resident of the State of Illinois, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of said county, and summons having been issued against the above named defendants to the sheriff of Macon county which has been returned as against the said E. M. Weygandt not found, notice is hereby given to the said E. M. Weygandt that the above named complainant heretofore filed its bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, and which suit is still pending; and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against the said defendant, returnable to the first day of the next June term of said court, to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, on the first Monday in said month of June, A. D. 1897, being the 7th day of June, A. D. 1897.

Now therefore, unless you the said E. M. Weygandt, shall be and appear before said court on the first day of said term, and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree rendered against you according to the prayer thereof. D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

Dated this 28th day of April, A. D. 1897.
W. C Johns, Complainant's Solicitor.
apr 28-d4w

P., D. & E. EXCURSIONS.

Annual Encampment, G. A. R., Department of Illinois, Galesburg, Ill., May 4-6, 1897.—For the above Encampment the P. D. & E. Railway will sell special excursion tickets at the rate of One First Class Fare for the Round Trip. Selling dates will be May 3d, 4th and 5th, and tickets will be good returning up to and including May 8th. The best connections and best time are made by the P. D. & E. If you intend going to the Encampment do not fail to see the P. D. & E. Agent before purchasing your ticket, or write direct to A. C. Palmer, G. P. A., Evansville, Ind., or S. J. Cassetty, A. G. P. A., Peoria, Ill.

Sunday excursion rates to all points on the P. D. & E. One fare round trip. Tickets good returning on day of sale.

Winter tourist rates now on to points south, southwest and southeast.

One way settler rates to points south every first and third Tuesday of each month. Very low.

Good connections at Peoria for Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado points; at Mattoon with Big Four for Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and eastern points; at Evansville for all Southern and Florida points.

City ticket office removed from 110 Library Block to 121 East William street, directly across the street. New 'phone No. 28; Old, No. 439; Union Depot 'phone No. 47, New.

Call on or address W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Peniwell, 121 East William street.

VANDALIA LINE EXCURSIONS.

California via New Orleans. Pullman buffet sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from Chicago, connecting with the Southern Pacific's "Sunset Limited" for Los Angeles and San Francisco. Pullman tourist sleeper every Wednesday, through without change from Chicago to San Francisco.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each month settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

Winter tourist rates now on to points south, southwest and southeast.

Winter tourist tickets are now on sale to the principal winter resorts in the south and southeast.

Homeseekers' excursions to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest, on the first and third Tuesday of every month, at one fare plus $2 round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

For rates, time of trains, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., or W. L. Smith, ticket agent, Union Depot, Decatur, Ill. Telephone 579.

WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

On May 4th and 18th, settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division. Sundays at very low rates—good going and and returning Sunday only.

Homeseekers' excursion to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, at one fare plus $2 round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

German Baptist annual meeting, Frederick Md., June 3.

Grand Army of the Republic. Buffalo, N. Y., August 21st to 24th.

Baptist Young People's Union, Chattanooga, Tenn., in July.

National Educational Association, Milwaukee, July 3d to 6th.

B. Y. P. O. Elks, Minneapolis, July 4th and 5th.

Twenty-seventh Bunde Turn Fest, St. Louis, May 6 to 11.

Epworth League, Toronto, in July.

German Baptist, old order, Rossville, Ind., June 6 to 8th.

Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, Nashville, Tenn., May 1st to Oct. 31st.

Detroit, Mich., account Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, June 7 to 10.

Galesburg, account State Encampment G. A. R., May 4th to 8th.

Warsaw, Ind., account General Assembly Presbyterian Church; one fare round trip. Tickets sold May 17th to 25th, good returning till June 5th.

Excursion to the celebrated coast country. The American Land Company of St. Louis, Mo., who own large tracts of land near Houston and Galveston, in the "Diamond District" of Texas, have authorized us to say that they will refund the railroad fare of any parties who go down on the excursions of May 4th and 18th who may purchase land of them and who purchase tickets via the Wabash line to St. Louis or Kansas City. Choice of routes from these points. One fare, plus $2 for the round trip.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates, maps, and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY

In the Circuit Court, to the June Term, A. D. 1897.

Lena Reed, Elizabeth Milburn and Thomas Milburn vs. Delay F. Reed, Josephine Reed, Mary Ann Reed, William A. Reed, John R. Eden, Cassiday Chenoweth, Charity Honn, Delay F. Reed, Executor of the last will and testament of Alexander Reed, and Delay F. Reed, Trustee for Eliza Bowdle Reed—Number 16,201, Partition.

Notice is hereby given that affidavit of the non-residence of Charity Honn, one of the above defendants, and that William A. Reed, another of the said defendants, cannot be found, has been filed in my office.

Now, therefore, you the said Charity Honn and William A. Reed, are hereby notified that a bill of complaint has been filed against you in said court in the above entitled cause, and that summons has issued out of the office of the clerk of said court against each of the above named defendants, returnable unto the said circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, to be held at the court house in said county at the June term thereof to be holden on the seventh day of June, A. D. 1897.

Now, unless you the said Charity Honn and William A. Reed shall each appear on the first day of the June term of said court on the first Monday in June, A. D. 1897, and plead, answer or demur to the bill of complaint in said cause filed, the same will be taken as true and confessed against you, and a decree rendered against you.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 28th day of April, A. D 1897. D. L. FOSTER, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Macon county, Ills.
D. C. Corley, attorney. apr 28-d4w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss
MACON COUNTY

In the Circuit Court, to the June Term, 1897.

Charles B. T. Moore, Helen Johns Moore, his wife, Harry M. Moore, unmarried, and Josiah M. Clokey, executor of the last will and testament of Jesse H. Moore, deceased, Vs. William E. B. Moore, Mary M. Moore, Mary Alice McComas, Charles G. McComas, Helen F. Saunders, James T. Saunders, Sarah J. H. Steele, George R. Steele, and Columbus Williams—In Chancery, No. ——, Bill for Partition.

Affidavit that William E. B. Moore, Harry M. Moore, Mary Alice McComas, Charles G. McComas, Helen F. Saunders and James T. Saunders, defendants in the above entitled cause, are non-residents of the state of Illinois, having been filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, and summons having been issued against the above named defendants to the sheriff of Macon county, which has been returned as against them not found, notice is hereby given to the said William E. B. Moore, Mary M. Moore, Mary Alice McComas, Charles G. McComas, Helen F. Saunders and James T. Saunders that the above named complainants heretofore filed their bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, and which suit is still pending; and that summons thereupon issued out of said court against the above named defendants, returnable to the first day of the next June term of said court, to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, in said county, on the first Monday of June, A. D. 1897, being the 7th day of June, A. D. 1897.

Now therefore, unless you, the said William E. B. Moore, Mary M. Moore, Mary Alice McComas, Charles G. McComas, Helen F. Saunders, and James T. Saunders, shall be and appear before said court on the first day of said term, and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same will be taken as confessed and a decree rendered against you according to the prayer thereof.

Dated this 27th day of April, A. D. 1897. D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.
W. C. Johns, Complainant's Solicitor.
apr 27-d4w

Indian, Decatur & Western Railway.

$1.00 EXCURSION TO INDIANAPOLIS.

ON SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1897, the Indiana, Decatur & Western Railway will open the excursion season with a Special Fast Excursion Train to Indianapolis and return. Fare for the round trip, ONE DOLLAR. Special train will leave as follows: Decatur 7 a. m., arriving at Indianapolis at 11:30 a. m. Returning Special Train will leave Indianapolis at 6:30 p. m. Tickets good only on Special Train.

JNO. S. LAZARUS, Gen'l Pass. Agent,
29-dtd Indianapolis, Ind.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of John Amos Howenstine, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of John Amos Howenstine, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the July term, on the first Monday in July next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of April, 1897.
BENJAMIN L. HOWENSTINE, Administrator.
Outten & Robey, Attorneys. [Apr 29-d3w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Susan Epler, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Susan Epler, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 23d day of Abril, 1897.
J. H. EPLER, Administrator.
April 23-d3w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of George W. Ehrhart and against E. Bankson and F. O. Damrow. I have levied upon the following described property, to-wit: Lot four (4), block one (1), in Shepherd Addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois. Taken as the property of the said F. O. Damrow, which I shall offer at public sale at north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county in said state, on the 30th day of April, A. D., 1897, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, for cash in hand to satisfy said execution.

This 9th day of April, A. D. 1897.
J. P. NICHOLSON, Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.
April 9-dtd

The Wabash "California Flyer."

Quickest and best service to CALIFORNIA is now offered by the Wabash Railroad, in connection with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway. Vestibuled sleeping cars through to Los Angeles without change, making twenty-one hours better time from St. Louis than any other line, and corresponding time from other points. For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent Wabash railroad, Decatur, Ills.

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Louise Hiekisch, deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Louise Hiekisch, late of the County of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the July term, on the first Monday in July next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 27th day of April, 1897.
HELENE E. H. HEIKISCH, Administratrix.
April 28-d4w

HERMAN SPIES, Book Binder.

Practical Book Binding and Blank Book Manufacturing. 127 South Water street, Decatur, Ill. Magazines bound, names stamped in gold on books.

M. D. POLLOCK, M. D.

OFFICE—Rooms 512-513 Arcade
Residence—819 West Packard St.

Special attention given to diseases of women Office hours, 9 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 3 p. m. Telephone 173. aug29-wtf

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor.
jan 24-d&wtf

People's Column.

Advertisements of Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable invariably in advance

For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, Etc.

WANTED.

WANTED—Young or middle aged man to travel in this and adjoining counties, permanent position; salary $50 a month and expenses; good chance to double this in six months or a year. Address SHEPP COMPANY, No. 1020 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pa. April 22-d2w

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to give prompt attention to all orders from all parts of the city. Prices reasonable and all work guaranteed. New Telephone 306. D. M. SMITH, West end Pugh street car line. Feb 19 dtf

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—5 acres of land, good 4-room new house, new barn, etc., on gravel road, east end of Decatur; $1700 buys it; possession given immediately. Hurry up; must be sold by March 1st. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

FOR RENT.

TO RENT—Cheap, one four-room and one six-room house; Solane Place, West Green st. CLARK & SCHROLL, Room 22 Arcade. April 17-dtf

SUITS OF ROOMS FOR RENT, at moderate price, with steam heat and all conveniences, to people of unquestionable reputation; no others need apply. BENJAMIN BROWN, Agent, offices 5, 6, 7, Gallagher Block. April 19-d1m

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—One pair of gold spectacles in case, and a pair of bronzed steel eye-glasses in case. Please return them to Pluck's store, 109 East North street, and be rewarded. April 29-d6

MONEY TO LOAN.

FARM LOANS—SIX PER CENT. INTEREST—Lowest commission. Prepayment privileges. Money ready when papers are accepted. Don't contract for a loan until you get my terms. C. E. GIVEN, 605 Millikin Bank Building. Oct 28-d&wtf

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,
—LOAN BROKER,—
All Classes of Loans Negotiated.
145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by **PEGRAM & CO.,**
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.

SAMUEL M'BRIDE
LOANS AND SECURITIES,
ROOMS 702-3-4,
MILLIKIN BANK B'L'DG,
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

MONEY TO LOAN—I have money to loan on city property and farms without delay. Call and see me. George W. Ehrhart, Real Estate and Loans, Room 10, Opera Block. July 7-d1m

MISCELLANEOUS.

PHOTO BUTTONS—Mounted in celluloid, 2 for 25c; 5 for 50c, 12 for $1.00; copies from any photo. Brooches, Scarfpins, Cuff Buttons, etc., to order. Studio Marquee, 909 West King street. April 26-d6

ESTRAY.—Taken up, at my place, east of the city, April 24, a bay mare; has shoes on front feet; age not known. H. C. JOHNS. April 26 d6

SALESMAN—$5 a day. No canvassing. No deliveries. No collections. Samples free. Side line or exclusive. Mfrs., 3941 Market St., Phila. April 21-d4w

A GOOD CHANCE to trade your Nebraska land for good Decatur lots. Call on Clark & Schroll, Room 22 Arcade. Apr 17-dtf

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder. Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

TWO FINE CORNER LOTS in "King's Orchard," clear of encumbrances; $1700 buys them, or will trade for house of about equal value. Look this up. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main st. Feb 16-dtf

$700 buys new three-room house, one acre of land, fifty choice bearing fruit trees, all on gravel road on the outskirts of Decatur. Who wants this? PETER H BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

$225 buys fine lot on North Union street, 40x80. What's the matter with this! nothing—only the owner needs money. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

THE "Dollar Special" cabinet photo is still being made, $1.00 per dozen. Proofs shown. Accuacy and permanence guaranteed. Dark days no hindrance in getting good negatives. East End Gallery, 1079 E. Eldorado St. Dec. 30 d&wtf

STEAMSHIP TICKETS to all parts of Europe; either first or second cabin, or steerage tickets, at the very lowest prices. For further information call at office. PETER H. BRUECK, Agent Hamburg-American Line, 215 North Main street. Feb 17-dtf

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10-dtf

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov29 dtf

THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan6-dtf

PANSIES, Verbenas, Gladiolus, Tuberoses, Caladium, Cannas and hardy Roses should be planted now. A fine stock of same can be had at N. BOMMERSBACH'S. [April 27-dtf

RHEUMATISM CURED.—For the past nine years I have suffered intensely with rheumatism and neuralgia. The last attack was very severe. After suffering for some time I was induced by a friend to take Cerrodante Capsules without cessation. To my surprise they cured me in a short time. I recommend them to all who suffer with rheumatism or neuralgia. R. O. ROSEN, Architect, Decatur, Ill. April 26-dtf

The Decatur Rubber Stamp Works.

JAMES M. MYERS, Proprietor, Old Phone 88, 301 South Church street, Decatur, Ill. Manufacture Rubber Stamps for all business purposes and furnish everything belonging to the commercial stamp trade. Send for circulars, etc. March 10-dtf

TWO PROPERTIES GOING.—Riley & Mann open sealed bids Monday, April 26, 1 p. m., and daily same hour until Thursday, April 29, when the highest and best bidders get the following properties: Seven-room modern property, 1216 North College st. Terms—$1,000; runs to Oct. 1; longer if desired, at 7 per cent; balance cash or equivalent. Also four nice lots, with 8-room brick house, in Walnut Grove. Terms—$500 runs two years or longer, balance cash or equivalent. See bills and Bulletin Board at our office. April 24-d8

Administratrix' Notice.

Estate of Isabel Fulton, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administratrix of the estate of Isabel Fulton, late of the county of Macon and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that she will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the June term, on the first Monday in June next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 2d day of April, 1897.
LAURA F. CORLEY, Administratrix.
April 7-d4w

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss
MACON COUNTY,

In the Circuit Court to the June Term, A. D. 1897.

John Ullrich vs. Thomas P. Roddy, Margaret Roddy, Thomas A. Pritchett, assignee of Thomas P. Roddy, Morehouse & Wells Co., a corporation, Jennie Albert, John Allen, Joseph S. Starr and Harry C. Starr, co-partners, and the National Wall Paper Co., a corporation—Chancery Foreclosure.

Affidavit of the non-residence of the National Wall Paper Co., a corporation, defendant above named, having been filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, in said county of Macon, notice is hereby given to the said National Wall Paper Co., a corporation, that the complainant filed his bill of complaint in said court, on the chancery side thereof, on the —— day of March, 1897, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against said defendant, returnable on the 7th day of June next, as is by law required.

Now, unless you, the said National Wall Paper Co., a corporation, shall be and personally appear before the said court of Macon county on the first day of the next term thereof to be holden in Decatur, in said county, on the 7th day of June, 1897, to plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill of complaint, the same, and the matters and things therein charged and stated, will be taken as confessed and a decree entered against you according to the prayer of said bill.

D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.
W. E. Redmon, Complainant's Solicitor.
apr 7-d4w

Master in Chancery's Sale

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss In the Circuit Court.
MACON COUNTY.

The People's Savings and Loan Association, Complainants, vs. Carrie E. Watkins et al, Defendants—In Chancery. No. 16068.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term, of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Friday, April 30th, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to wit: Lot Four (4) in Block six (6) in Higgins' Addition to the City of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 8th day of April, 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
W. C. Johns, Complainant's Solicitor.
April 9-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS } ss In the Circuit Court
MACON COUNTY,

Milton M. Sharp, Complainant, vs. Francis M Burns et al., Defendants—In Chancery; No. 16061.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Wednesday, April 21, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East [illegible] City of Decatur in said county [illegible] public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lot Five (5), in Block Thirteen (13), in the Village of Blue Mound, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated Decatur, Illinois, this 9th day of March, A. D. 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Alexander McIntosh, Com. Solicitor.
Mrch 9-dtd

Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss. In the Circuit Court.
MACON COUNTY,

Abdiel T. Risley, Complainant, vs. Minerva J. Saulmon et al., Defendants—In Chancery; No. 15865.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Friday, April 30th, 1897,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit: Lots seven (7), eight (8), and nine (9), in block five (5), in D. C. Webb's Addition to Macon, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 8th day of April, 1897.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
D. D. Hill, Complainant's Solicitor.
April 9-dtd

CHANCERY NOTICE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } ss.
COUNTY OF MACON.

In the Circuit Court to the June Term, A. D. 1897.

W. E. Tyler vs. Samuel W. Stookey, Ida M. Stookey, James M. Stookey, Maud Ortego, Charles Ortego, Virginia Mitchell, John Mitchell, A. T. Risley, J. W. Brawn, Robert Elliott, Carrie Elliott, George A. Melhorn and Hattie A. Melhorn—Summons in Chancery, No. 16,029.

Public notice is hereby given that the complainant in the above entitled cause has heretofore commenced his suit in chancery against the above named defendants, and that summons has been issued to the sheriff of Macon county, Illinois, and returned not found as to the said Samuel W. Stookey, Ida M. Stookey, James M. Stookey, Maud Ortego, Charles Ortego, Virginia Mitchell, John Mitchell and J. W. Brawn, and affidavit having been filed that the said Samuel W. Stookey, Ida M. Stookey, James M. Stookey, Maud Ortego, Charles Ortego, Virginia Mitchell, John Mitchell and J. W. Brown are nonresidents of the State of Illinois, and that the said cause is now pending and undetermined in the circuit court of Macon county.

Now unless you the said Samuel W. Stookey, Ida M. Stookey, James M. Stookey, Maud Ortego, Charles Ortego, Virginia Mitchell, John Mitchell and J. W. Brawn shall personally be and appear before the circuit court of Macon county, State of Illinois, on the first day of the June term to be held at the court house in the City of Decatur, Macon county, State of Illinois, on the 1st Monday of June, being the 7th day of June, A. D. 1897, and plead, answer or demur to said bill of complaint, the same and the matters and things therein contained will be taken for confessed and a decree rendered against you in accordance with the prayer of said bill of complaint.

Dated this 23d day of April, A. D. 1897.
April 23 d4w D. L. FOSTER, Clerk.

Notice in Attachment.

Edward L. Pegram vs Chas. H. Knipple and Maria I. Knipple—No. 16190.

Public notice is hereby given that suit in attachment has been commenced in the above entitled cause against the estate of the said defendants in the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, that said attachment is returnable to the June term, 1897, of said court, that affidavit was filed in said cause that said defendants are not residents of this state, and that said attachment is for the sum of Ninety-Eight and 21-100 Dollars. Now, therefore, unless you the said Chas. H. Knipple and Maria I. Knipple, defendants, shall appear, give bail and plead within the time limited for your appearance in said case, judgment will be entered, and the estate so attached will be sold.

Dated this 22d day of April, A. D. 1897.
D. L. FOSTER, Clerk of said Court.
April 23 d3w

PATENTS

Caveats, and Trade-Marks obtained, and all Patent business conducted for MODERATE FEES. Our Office is Opposite U. S. Patent Office and we can secure patent in less time than those remote from Washington.

Send model, drawing or photo., with description. We advise, if patentable or not, free of charge. Our fee not due till patent is secured.

A Pamphlet, "How to Obtain Patents," with cost of same in the U. S. and foreign countries sent free. Address,

C. A. SNOW & CO.
OPP. PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Railroad Column

R. R. TIME TABLES.

In effect Feb. 7, 1897.

Wabash Line

TO CHICAGO.		FROM CHICAGO.	
12	* 1.05 a m	13	* 3.30 a m
14	*11.45 a m	15	* 3:55 p m
16	† 7:40 a m	17	† 7:35 p m
TO ST. LOUIS.		FROM ST. LOUIS.	
3	* 3:40 a m	6	*15:25 a m
11	* 6:55 a m	4	*11:26 a m
5	* 4:05 p m	14	*11.42 a m
15	* 4 80 p m	10	* 6:08 p m
1	* 12.12 a m	2	*11.17 p m
7	* 7:20 p m	12	*12.35 a m
TO TOLEDO.		FROM TOLEDO.	
6	* 5:28 a m	1	*12 10 a m
4	*11:30 a m	7	* 7:17 p m
2	*11.20 p m	5	† 3:50 p m
10 Ex. acm.	† 4:40 p m	3	* 3.20 a m
		11 Ex. acm.	†10:30 a m
TO QUINCY.		FROM QUINCY.	
5	* 4:05 p m	4	*11:20 a m
3	* 5:40 a m	2	*10.40 p m
17 Spfd only	† 7:40 p m	16 from Spfg.	† 7:35 a m
11 Spfd acm	†10:34 a m	10 Spfd. acm.	† 4:36 p m

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

Illinois Central.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
Diamond Special, daily 1:32 a m	Diamond Special, daily [illegible]
No. 1[illegible] [illegible] a m	No. 12[illegible]
No. [illegible] ex.	Sunday [illegible]
Sunday 2:00 p m	No. 193 freight [illegible]
No. 1[illegible] ex.	Sunday [illegible]
Sunday 5:11 p m	No. [illegible]
No. 702 (Champaign line) [illegible]	No. 70[illegible] line) [illegible]
Sunday [illegible]	[illegible] a m
No. 704—to Chicago, via Champa'n daily 7:10 a m	No. 70[illegible] from Chicago, daily [illegible] p m
No. 120 daily to Chicago 11:52 a m	No. 1[illegible] daily, to St. Louis [illegible] p m

Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

Arrive from Peoria	Arrive from Evansville
A No. 1......10:42 a. m.	A No. 2......2:41 p. m.
D No. 3......10:10 p. m.	A No. 4......6:16 a. m.
A No. 11......2:30 p. m.	S No. 36......7:10 a. m.
Depart for Peoria	**Depart for Evansville**
A No. 2......2:47 p. m.	A No. 1......10:50 a. m.
A No. 4......6:35 a. m.	D No. 3......10:20 p. m.
S No. 36......7:20 a. m.	A No 11......3:15 p. m.
A No. 10......10.42 a. m.	
"A"—Daily Except Sunday.	"D"—Daily. "S" Sunday Only.

Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

ARRIVE.	LEAVE.
No. 1 Pass... 2:25 p m	No. 4 Pass... 10:50 p m
No. 3 Pass... *4 00 a m	No. 2 Pass... †11:25 a m
" 7 ...... 10.00 a m	" 8 ...... 4.00 a m
" 9 ...... c 8:00 p m	" 10 ...... 4:00 p m

*Daily. †Except Sunday. ‡Sunday only

Vandalia Line.

In effect April 9, 1897.

Trains Leave Decatur, Illinois.

FOR THE WEST.
No. 7, Ex., Sun. 11:42 a. m..........For Peoria.
No. 5, Ex., Sun. 7:00 a. m..........For Peoria.

FOR THE EAST.
No. 20, Ex., Sun. 8:00 a. m..... For Terre Haute
No. 6, Ex., Sun. 3:25 p. m..... For Terre Haute

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

I., D. & W. Railway Excursions.

Excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

German Baptist annual meeting, Frederick, Md., June 3.

Grand Army of the Republic, Buffalo, N. Y., August 21 to 24.

Baptist Young People's Union, Chattanooga, Tenn., in July.

Homeseekers' excursions to principal points in the west, northwest, south and southwest, on 1st and 3d Tuesdays of every month at one fare plus $2.00 for round trip. Tickets good returning every Tuesday and Friday within three weeks. Stop overs granted on going trip.

On March 29, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, settlers' one way tickets to points south at very low rates.

Epworth League, Toronto, July 15 to 18.

German Baptist, old order, Rossville, Ind., June 6th to 8th.

Tennessee Centennial and International Exposition, Nashville, Tenn., May 1st to Oct 31st.

Warsaw, Ind., account General Assembly Presbyterian church, one fare round trip. Tickets sold May 17th to 25th, good returning till June 5th.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rate, maps and descriptive advertising matter write or apply to K. Harwood, General Agent, or C. A. Pollock, Ticket Agent, I. D. & W. Railroad, Decatur, Ill.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

J. R. GORIN

Titles to Real Estate Examined. Deeds, Mortgages, Agreements, Etc., Written. Settlement of Estates a Specialty. Prompt Attention to Collection of Claims and any Business in the Legal Line.

Room 64 Millikin Bank Building, Decatur, Ill.

GEO. P. HARDY,
Justice of the Peace,
147 South Water Street.
Apr 28-dtf

DR. [illegible] BROS.
Homeopathist and Surgeon,
—Chronic Diseases a Specialty.—
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE, 345 N. Main st.
Jan. 13-dtf

DR. HOWARD M. WOOD
HOMEOPATHIST,
Arcade Office Building, Decatur, Ill.
Office hours 8 to 10 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m.
Telephones { Office, 277 | Residence 1448
{ Res., 218. | N. Edward St.

DR. L. H. CLARK,
Room 30, Arcade Office Building.
Office Hours—10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 4 p. m., 7 to 8 p. m
Telephone—Residence, 384; Office, 365.
Residence—555 West North St.

I. D. STINE,
ARCHITECT.
Pasfield Building.
Telephone 570. DECATUR, ILL.

DR. A. M. DREW,
Physician and Surgeon.
OFFICE—Over Bradley Bros.' Store; Rooms 40 and 41
RESIDENCE—442 West Prairie Avenue.
Telephone—(Old), Office 535; Residence, 536.
Aug. 26-dtf

DR. M. A. MAJORS,
Treats all Diseases of Men, Women and Children. Health Advice Free.
TEN YEARS EXPERIENCE. Office Hours: 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.; 7 p. m to 8:30 p. m.
Room 22 Syndicate Block, Decatur, Ill

B. I. STERRETT
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
OFFICE—Over Bryan' Clothing Store, Decatur

HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
Constable and Collector,
147 South Water St.
Telephone—Old 329, New 76, Residence, Old 26
COLLECTIONS A SPECIALTY.

ST. NICHOLAS HOTEL.
CHAS. LAUX, Proprietor.
South Side Lincoln Square, Decatur, Il

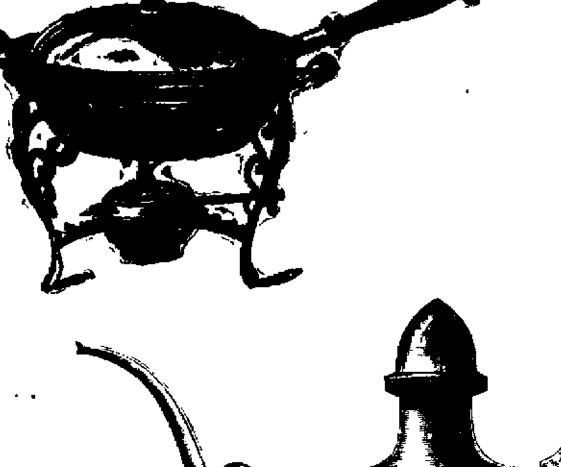
CHAFING DISHES....

with improved regulating Asbestos Lamp. The best dish made. See our new line at prices from $3.00 up.

Also Chafing Dish Spoons, Forks, Skimmer, Alcohol Flagons and Toasters,

...At $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 and $3.50...

SEE OUR WINDOW FOR NEW SPRING GOODS.



Otto E. Curtis & Bro.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at

156 EAST MAIN STREET.

King's Soda Fountain

Is now open for the season, in charge of a Soda Expert.

Largest and Finest Fountain in the City.

Cor. Main and Water Sts.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Fig Syrup, 35c a bottle at Irwin's.

Smoke the Litle J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 center, made by John Weigand. Mch 25 tf.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 22-dtf

A large number of strangers are in the city today to take in the big show.

Stacks of new spring and summer shoes just received at Powers' shoe store.—231w

The Pinafore opera for the benefit of the W. R. C., will be repeated during the first week in May.

The Eagle Packet company on the Illinois will replace the Cherokee with the New Idlewild about May 10.

We are selling Chase, the best 5 cent cigar; Splendid and Hard Times, 3 for 5 cents. L. Chodat's News House.

Ask your druggist for the German Catarrh Cure, a positive cure for catarrh, asthma, cough, colds and headache. mar 16-dtf

Manager Ferguson, in anticipation of big business on show day, had all of the street cars put in proper shape for use. Several of the summer cars were brought out this forenoon.

There will be a special joint meeting of the L. A. S and S. of V. held at the home of Mrs. Mattie Wilson on East William street Friday night instead of Saturday night. Kittie Duncan, secretary.

The Memorial Day exercises will be observed as usual this year on Sunday, May 30, at Boiling Springs. There are sixteen comrades buried at the cemetery and every year the graves are decorated by the old soldiers.

The Decatur fire department is often called upon to put out a fire, which they do with neatness and despatch. But they can't stop a cyclone. Kuny, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance. 134 North Water.—1-d1m.

CYCLONE { Insurance in first class companies. J. L. Drake, over P. O.

Just to Give You an Idea

Of the BARGAINS

We are offering on the Second Floor Bargain Department we have here appended a few sample prices. In many instances these goods, just as good for wear and appearance as any shoe you can buy, are offered at

Fifty Cents on the Dollar,

OR LESS.

You Can't make money any faster than by visiting this Department.

THESE PRICES WILL CONVINCE YOU.

NO. 59.

Ladies Tan Shoes, in Button and Lace, at.............. ***$2.24***

Reduced from $3.55 and $4.00.

NO. 19.

Ladies' Vici Kid Shoes, in button and lace, at.......... ***$1.69***

Reduced from $2.50.

NO. 25.

Men's Russia Calf Shoes in lace, Hanan & Sons' make, at ***$2.98***

Reduced from $5.00.

NO. 11.

Child's Russet Shoes in button, sizes 8½ to 11, at............... ***79c***

Reduced from $1.25.

NO. 10.

Child's Dongola Oxfords, patent tip sizes 8½ to 11, at................. ***69c***

Reduced from $1.00.

On Our First Floor

We have all the regular lines of goods, all new and up-to-date styles—every size, every width, any style toe. WE ARE BOUND TO PLEASE YOU.

FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.

148 East Main Street.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—B. S. Tyler is in Springfield on business.

—W. H. Ennis is confined to his home by illness.

—Rev. A. G. Blunk, of Bethany, was in the city today.

—Mrs. L. F. Skelly has returned to Houston, Texas.

—James Wiegand is confined to his home by illness.

—Mrs M. F. Metz is visiting friends in Springfield.

—Mrs. Martin Lindsay, of Long Creek, is seriously ill.

—Mrs. J. W. Long is visiting friends in Bloomington.

—H. C. Anthony will go to Chicago tonight on business.

—F. W. Swearingen was in Springfield yesterday on business.

—Miss Myrtle Bridges is here from Bement visiting friends.

—Mrs George D. Hayworth has gone to Chicago to make her home.

—Ben Freeman, of Boston, is in the city visiting his brother, James Freeman.

—Miss Minnie Hutchin, of Clinton, is in the city visiting friends.

—Dr. W M. Catto was in Long Creek yesterday on professional business.

—H. H. Slater of the mail service, has gone to Quincy and will run between that place and Kansas City.

—Miss Josephine Stemper returned this week to Ann Arbor, Mich., accompanied by Miss Gussie Gorin.

—D. L. Vigus, of the Columbia manufacturing company, at Jacksonville, is in the city today calling on old friends.

—Paul Hiekisch, jr, who was here to attend the funeral of his mother, returned last night to his home in Grand Rapids, Mich.

—Rev. W. H. Prestley and wife, of Kankakee, are in the city visiting their son, John Prestley, and their daughter, Mrs. E. W. Helinian.

—Charles Humble, who is employed in the Wabash shops, is laying off on account of injuries he received several days ago. He caught his finger in a machine and mashed it severely.

—James Moran of the Wykoff & Reeve undertaking establishment, will leave in a few days for Chicago, where he will take an advanced course at the Chample College of Embalming.

—Rev. D. F. Howe, Rev. W. F. Gillmore, Rev. A. M. Danely and Rev. E. B. Randle, who were at Maroa attending the district ministerial meeting of the Methodist church, arrived home today.

—E. C. Knupp, the gentlemanly treasurer for the Walter L. Main Combined Show, has frequently been in Decatur. He has grown up in the service. He called upon Mayor Conklin, City Clerk Hays and Marshal Mason to-day, and he says he found them very accommodating and obliging giving him courteously all information required.

WILL LEAVE THE CITY.

Frank W. Hill, the Undertaker, Will Move His Establishment to Elwood, Indiana.

Frank W. Hill, who for several years past has been in the undertaking business in this city, is preparing to move to Elwood, Indiana, to locate. His stock of goods is being packed and he expects to establish himself in the undertaking business at Elwood. Mr Hill came to this city several years ago and fitted offices in the Jamison building in the 400 block on North Main street. During the time which Mr. Hill has made his residence in Decatur he has made many personal and business friends who regret that he is to leave the city.

A FALSE ALARM.

A Chimney at the Burrows Residence Makes Smoke and Causes the Fire Department to be Called Out.

The entire fire department was called out at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon on a false alarm. Smoke was coming from a chimney in the Burrows residence on West North street and the dampness of the atmosphere caused the smoke to sink to the ground instead of rising. Some one saw the smoke and turned in an alarm. A large crowd of people gathered but there was nothing to see.

Death of Mrs. Myers.

Mrs. Hannah Myers, who for years past has been a resident of Long Creek, died at that place last night at 9 o'clock. She was the widow of the late J. R. Myers and leaves seven children. They are Mrs. Cora Hartley, Mrs. W. H. Winings, Mrs. Elsie Greenfield, Robert P. Myers and Miss Eva Myers of Long Creek, Eugene Myers of Decatur, and August Myers, who attends Decatur high school. The deceased was 69 years old and has lived at Long Creek almost all her life. The funeral will be held Friday from the Long Creek Methodist church. The services will be conducted by Rev A. M. Danely. The I., D. & W train will tomorrow stop at Long Creek for the accommodation of persons from this city who wish to attend the funeral.

Death of a Child.

Frank Hall, the 18-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hall, died of whooping cough and uraemia a 3 o'clock this morning at the family residence at No. 703 North College street. The time of the funeral has not yet been decided upon and will be announced later.

CONVENTION DAY.

Democrats Hold Three Delegate Meetings at the City Council Room.

W. E. NELSON FOR SUPREME JUDGE

Representatives from the Third Supreme the Old Fourth, and the New Sixth Circuit Court Divisions—The Nominee.

The Democrats of the Third Supreme Judicial district, and from the new Sixth and old Fourth judicial districts of the circuit court division, were in Decatur today and put up candidates for supreme and circuit judges. The same gentlemen acted as delegates in nearly all the conventions, particularly those who came from a distance. There is some doubt as to the validity of the law as to the circuit judge divisions, and as there is a test case pending, the delegates concluded to nominate candidates in the old and new circuits to "cover accidents." The delegates to the three conventions met this forenoon at the St. Nicholas hotel and effected organizations.

W. E. Nelson for Supreme Judge.

This afternoon the delegates to the Third supreme judicial convention were called to order at the city council room with J. W. Orr, of Champaign, chairman, and W. H. Whittaker, of Sullivan, secretary. The report of the committee on credentials was adopted and the temporary organization was made permanent. Hon. Jack Baker, of Moultrie county, placed Hon. W E. Nelson, of Macon county, in nomination for supreme judge, seconded by J L Gulick, of Champaign On motion of James Hicks of Piatt county, Judge Nelson was declared the nominee by acclamation. The chairmen of the various county committees were made members of the supreme judicial committee on motion of J M Gray of Decatur. The convention then adjourned.

Subsequently J. M. Gray of Decatur, J W. Orr of Champaign and James Hicks of Monticello were appointed to notify Judge Nelson of his nomination, and bring him into the presence of the delegates.

"I am a Democrat."

In his speech Judge Nelson said, among other things: "I am a Democrat, but if you see fit to elevate me to the position of judge of one of the supreme benches no one will ever know what my politics were. When I vote at any political function I vote for a Democrat, but when I assume a position of a judicial character I make my politics my private affair and try to execute the office to the interests of the people of the district

"The gentlemen against whom you have seen fit to ask me to run is a perfect gentleman and a good citizen. He has held the office for a number of years and has faithfully discharged his duties, but no better than I will discharge them if I should be elected

"I don't think it would be proper for any man who would be fit for this office to scramble for the place, so I will leave my election in your hands. Accept my profound thanks for nominating me I will never forget this day and convention whatever may be the result of the election next June"

Sixth Judicial Circuit.

The nominations for circuit judges were: Isaac A. Buckingham, of Macon; J. O. Cunningham, of Champaign, and Robert Patro, of Moultrie Samuel R. Reed of Piatt county was placed in nomination but he was defeated.

Ice cream and cake 10 cents at the Military Reception Friday night. d2

Work has been begun on the new Bradley Polytechnic Institute at Peoria.

THE ALUMNI RECEPTION.

A Meeting to be Held This Evening at the High School to Make Arrangements for the Event.

At the high school this evening a meeting of the members of the Decatur alumni association will be held for the purpose of discussing arrangements for the annual banquet. For several years past the interest in the alumni has not been very great and the members of the graduating class took into their own hands the matter of holding the banquet. This year the intention is to arouse interest in the organization and have the society entertain the graduating class as has always been the rule until the past two years Attorney Frank Roby, who is president of the society, has appointed Milton Johnson, jr., as chairman of the finance committee. Other committees to take charge of the details will be appointed this evening

It is the desire of those interested to make the banquet this year the largest the alumni has ever held, and an effort will be made to have 500 persons present. The graduating class this year is larger than ever before being composed of eighty young men and women. These and the teachers and members of the board of education will make 100 persons There are 715 members of the alumni and it is probable that several hundred of these will attend. If the banquet is given at all it will be a handsome one and probably the largest the alumni has ever before attempted.

BURGLARS LAST NIGHT.

Robbers Attempt to Enter the Residence of Dr. James L Bevans on West Main Street.

About 3 o'clock this morning burglars attempted to enter the residence of Dr James L. Bevans at No 837 West Main street, but were discovered before they succeeded in getting into the house The servant girl who sleeps on the lower floor was aroused by the burglars trying to raise a window in a front room This they were unable to do, so they tried the front door. They were using some instrument and attempting to pick the lock when the servant opened the inside vestibule door. The men heard the noise made by the opening of the door and ran across the yard and went west on Main street. The woman saw the men plainly and says that they wore black clothes and hats and one of them carried a satchel The same men evidently made an attempt to enter the house next door. The occupants heard a tapping at the front door but did not pay any attention to it supposing it was someone who wanted to call the doctor and had come to the wrong house.

Yesterday afternoon in the county court Judge Hammer appointed B L. Howenstine administrator of the estate of his brother, Amos Howenstine It was shown that the estate consists of the undivided half of lot 9, block 6, in Western addition, a small amount of money in bank, a third interest in the printing office of Cassell Bros. & Howenstine, and about $1200 loaned out. The total value of the personal property is $2100 and B L Howenstine is the only heir at law

Again To-Night.

Mrs. L. Mason, the great evangelist, preached to a large congregation last night at St. Peter's A. M. E. church All were pleased with the sermon She will preach again to-night Be present and hear the lady.

Remember the Military Reception Friday night. Admission 10c See the maneuvers of Company "Y" when they capture the Guards Friday night

Married in Chicago.

Charles Quinting, of Chicago and Miss Katie Apt, of this city, were married last Wednesday morning at St Mauritius church at Chicago. They will make their home in that city.

Eight o'clock, sharp, Company H will march into Columbia Hall Friday night and the bugle will start the program Admission 10 cents.

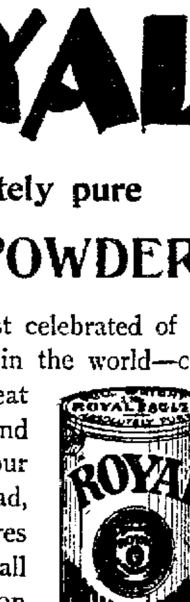
The public school at Pawnee has been closed on account of diphtheria.

ROYAL

The absolutely pure

BAKING POWDER.

ROYAL—the most celebrated of all the baking powders in the world—celebrated for its great leavening strength and purity. It makes your cakes, biscuit, bread, etc., healthful, it assures you against alum and all forms of adulteration that go with the cheap brands.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

VOL. XXV. NO.

TURKS CLAIM VICT'RY

And Deny the Stories as to Committing Atrocities in the Greek Cities.

TALK READJUSTMENT DIFFERENCES

Osman Pasha Has a Command—Marching on Janina—The Turks Deny that They were Defeated at Velestinc.

Constantinople, April 30.—The following official statement was issued here yesterday.

"The sublime porte formally contradicts the rumors of atrocities committed by the imperial troops at Fellipiada, and, also, the report of the mutiny of Albanians. The repeated testimony of all the correspondents of foreign newspapers at headquarters and the admiration they express for the discipline, humane feeling, bravery and moderation of the Ottoman soldiers, prove these accusations to be totally unfounded, and due to the imagination of people whose malevolence equals their mendacity. Edhem Pasha has taken all the measures necessary to repress every kind of abuse. The alleged mutiny is absolutely contrary to fact."

Th victories of the Turkish troops have enormously raised the military spirit of the Turks, and the confidence thus inspired in Turkey's vitality is removing the dissatisfaction felt with the present regime, while at the same time rendering the powers' scheme of reforms for the Ottoman empire harder of realization.

The advantages which Turkey will derive from the war are already discussed in high quarters, where it is declared that Turkey should in any case be released from the obligation imposed upon her in regard to Crete and the rectification of the frontier. It is also suggested and urged that Cape Punta, opposite Prevesa, at the entrance of the Gulf of Arta, should be restored to Turkey and that Greece should be required to pay a big indemnity.

In military circles it is further urged that a Turkish squadron should be dispatched to Volo to support Edhem Pasha's occupation of that district of Greece. The Turkish squadron, however, has not yet left the Dardanelles, and the captain of an Australian mail ship, which has just arrived here, reports that three of the Turkish warships and one of the Turkish torpedo boats have run aground in the Dardanelles. The Austrian captain adds that one of these warships is in a serious position, as the sea is breaking over her. It is believed the war vessels collided during the progress of naval maneuvers

The German embassador, Baron Saurma von Jeltsch, had an audience with the sultan yesterday.

It is announced that the first division of the Turkish army at Flassona has entered Greek territory from the vicinity of Damasi and has captured the town of Zarkos, an important Greek base of operations, about eighteen miles west of Larissa, and about half way between that place and Trikhala. Large quantities of ammunition fell into the hands of the Turks.

OSMAN PASHA

Is in Command of Left Wing and is Marching on Janina.

Constantinople, April 30.—The report that Osman Pasha is enroute to Janina with 30 000 troops is confirmed. The Turkish government has issued the following: "So far from being repulsed at Velestino, the imperial troops have continued their victorious march forward."

Turks Occupy Volo.

London, April 30.—A Constantinople special says the Turkish cavalry occupied Volo yesterday evening.

Gen. Smolenski Stands Like a Wall.

Athens, April 30—(Noon)—The action between the Turks and the Greeks begun yesterday at Velestino continued today. General Smolenski's brigade has repulsed repeated charges of the Turkish cavalry. The new cabinet formed is as follows: President of the council of ministers and minister of marine, Ralli, interior, Theotokis foreign affairs, Skouloudis; public instructions, Anastasias; justice, Triantafilara, finance, Simpoulos; war, Col. Tosmados.

MINISTER TO GREECE.

Report that It Will Fall to Rev. I. S. Hopkins of Atlanta—President Refuses to Interfere in Dunlop Case.

Washington, April 30.—There is a very strong intimation at the White House that Rev. I. S. Hopkins of Atlanta, Ga. has been selected as minister to Greece.

The president has decided not to interfere in the case of Joseph R. Dunlop, pub